

Church Life

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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventy-fifth annual business meeting of the church was held on Wednesday evening, January 13. Dr. de Blois was elected chairman. The report of the nominating committee was received and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Church Officers.

Deacons for Three Years—John P. Ahrens, W. R. Raymond, F. W. Griffing, C. E. Whitmore.
Trustees—C. H. Marshall, T. E. Donnelley, J. Gorton Marsh, R. B. Twiss, C. R. Stouffer, M. J. Piercey, J. H. Wrenn, H. W. Tomlinson, Clifford H. Williams, B. C. Lingle, Ervin L. Roy.

Treasurer—Robert N. Clarke.

Pastor's Aids—Mrs. M. J. Perkins, Mrs. Eliza Harvey, Mrs. H. F. Googins, Mrs. F. E. Hinckley, Mrs. Clifford Williams, Mrs. S. B. Lingle, Mrs. Wm. Wigney.

Church Clerk—W. B. Nichols, Robert Leland, Assistant.

Library Committee—Mrs. W. E. Smith, C. H. Stone, Miss Leila M. Ahrens, Robert Leland, Mrs. W. S. Baird.

Baptismal Committee—M. V. Wagner, Miss Clara Stowell, Mrs. S. B. Lingle, Miss Mary Marx, J. W. Bilton, Mrs. Erick Strandberg.

Church Mission Committee—B. C. Lingle, Chairman, Mrs. R. R. Donnelley, W. R. Raymond, E. C. Spinney, E. F. Olsen, J. G. Halsey, F. H. Hackendahl, Archibald McIntyre, C. H. Holman.

Auditing Committee—H. J. Hale, W. H. Vallette.

Sunday School Officers.

Superintendent—Edward C. Spinney.

Assistant Superintendent—Dr. C. G. Lumley.

Assistant Superintendents—H. W. Tomlinson, Mrs. Clifford Williams, Mrs. A. E. Thomas.

Chorister—D. R. Leland.

Secretary—Frank H. Gale.

Assistant Secretaries—Ralph Ridley, Miss Lillian Linehan, Miss Hattie Todd.

Treasurer—Charles H. Stone.

Pianist—Mrs. R. F. Bennett.

Librarian—Samuel T. Foster.

Assistant Librarian—David L. Blaine.

Raymond Mission Officers.

Superintendent—L. C. Humphrey.

Assistant Superintendent—A. J. McIntyre.

Second Assistant and Chorister—V. L. Gunderson.

Treasurer—F. H. Hackendahl.

Secretary—Sidney S. Crozier.

Organist—Mrs. Sophie Olson.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PASTOR.

The First Baptist Church of Chicago.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In submitting my annual report, and the reports of the various church organizations, I desire to express my gratitude for the hearty co-operation which has characterized our mutual labors in the cause of Christ in this vicinity during the past year. As I have been deprived of the usual strong force of pastoral assistants during the greater part of the year I have appreciated more than ever before, your willingness to aid me in every possible way in the prosecution of the varied and difficult work of this church.

IN MEMORIAM.

The list of those who have laid aside the burden of their earthly service to enter into the joy of their Lord is a brief one, but it includes the name of one who for many years was intimately identified with the interests and achievements of our church, Mrs. Naomi Everts, whose husband, Rev. W. W. Everts, D. D., was for nearly twenty years the valiant leader of this people, was a woman of remarkable consecration. During her active life her counsel and help were freely given to the furtherance of the Kingdom of Christ, and when failing health deprived her of the opportunity of public fellowship with the people she loved, she continued with us in spirit, in sympathy and in prayer. Many times in her sick chamber she has asked me eagerly, "How is the dear old church?" and has then shown me by her questions and conversation how closely she was following our plans and efforts. Beloved by all who knew her she has entered into her glorious reward—a woman of peerless Christian character.

Mrs. E. P. Branch was another of our eminently faithful members. Although a resident of

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Evanston during the last few years of her life. She was accustomed to make the long journey quite frequently to our church, that she might be with us at the communion service. On such occasions she would rise very early in the morning in order that she might reach here in time for the Sunday-school. She greatly enjoyed Deacon Ahrens' Bible expositions and has often spoken to me of the strength and cheer she received from the meetings of his Class. She was herself at all times a source of help and blessing to others. In her will she remembered our Home School and Raymond Chapel, and so in a tangible way, as well as by the uplifting influence of her gracious life she "being dead yet speaketh."

As Mrs. Everts and Mrs. Branch were amongst our oldest members, so Mrs. Muir was one of our youngest. Baptized a little more than a year ago, after a full surrender of her heart to Jesus Christ, she lived in the light of His countenance. She abounded in good deeds, and kindly words, seeking to bring other souls to a saving knowledge of the truth which transfigured her own life.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The outstanding event of the year has been the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the church. A committee of fifteen under the chairmanship of Mr. William E. Smith, devoted much time and thought for two or three months to the perfecting of the program and entered into an extended correspondence with absent and former members. As a result a mass of informing and interesting material, bearing upon the history of the church, has been accumulated, and the exercises of Anniversary Week, covering the period from October 27 to November 1, were superbly successful. There was no slightest diminution of interest throughout the series of meetings but a sustained enthusiasm and vigor which testified to the inherent power resident within our church body. The Chicago Baptist Association united with us in one of the meetings of the week, in commemoration of the beginning of Baptist enterprise in the city.

BENEFADES.

In common with all churches of Jesus Christ, in the stress and strain of modern conditions, we regret the spiritual apathy of some of our members. We have upon our records the names of men and women who pay no heed to the solemn covenant obligations into which they entered, with Christ and with His church. The influence of the world, with its allurements and feeble faith, has proved too strong for their will. It is a serious question whether we do right to allow the continuance of people of this type in our membership. We need to exercise Christian forbearance and charity in all things, and we need also to remember our own failings and many short-comings. But we must at the same time pay due heed to the honor and name of the church, the Bride of Christ. It is a question we should carefully ponder, whether those who repudiate or lightly cast aside their baptismal vows, and are utterly indifferent to the Redeemer's cause, should be allowed to continue a nominal connection with the holy church for which He died. It is a startling fact that in the year or two preced-

ing the commencement of my pastorate of this church, more than 350 names were stricken from the roll. The most of these had not been seen here for years, and had failed to report in any way, either by letter or in person. The presence of so much "dead timber" was finally found to be an obstacle in the way of progress. There are churches today in our city which carry on their rolls hundreds of names which mean nothing. The figures reported on public occasions are wholly misleading, as an index of the real strength of the body. I emphatically approve the habit of keeping careful statistics, for numbers are usually an indication of strength and are valuable for purposes of comparison. Where, however, names are added and retained on church rolls chiefly for show purposes and are made the occasion of boasts, these "padded lists" are a down-right hypocrisy.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Now that I am speaking of statistics, false and true, let me call attention to one of the real measurements of spiritual strength in church life. I refer to the attendance at the monthly communion of the Lord's Supper. Here we are not dealing with nominal membership but with vital fellowship. During the past year large numbers have attended these services. There were present on the first Sunday in November, the Anniversary Sunday, 422 communicants, the largest number, I believe, since the World's Fair year, in 1893. In January, October and December the numbers present were most gratifying and on one of these occasions the number of our own members who partook of the communion together was larger than at any time since I became your pastor. Another gratifying fact is the punctual attendance at these services, of the younger members of the church, those who have united with us during the past two or three years. We may well rejoice in the faithfulness of these more recent converts, as in the steady constancy of those who have been much longer on the way.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at the regular services on Sunday mornings and evenings continues about the same year by year. Our own members are conspicuous by their absence from the evening services. I have noticed that this is rather a sensitive subject to touch upon, and I realize that with some of our people it is impossible or very inconvenient to be present. Yet there is no service in the course of the entire week which offers such an opportunity as that of Sunday night for the exercise of personal influence, Christian love and Christ-like hospitality. Many young men, many young married couples, many visitors and strangers are always present. True, the congregations are small, yet, considering the fewness of our own members who are there, they are large, and I often wonder where all those people come from. Another encouraging feature is the number of men who are always present and the spirit of quiet and earnest attention which they manifest.

THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES.

One of the weak places in our church life lies in our backwardness in welcoming strangers. I cannot put the matter more bluntly. We are remiss in our duty here. I fully acknowledge that it requires courage and consecration of

a high order to do this work efficiently. I realize that some people find it a practical impossibility to do it; they have not the gift and cannot cultivate it. I contend, however, that far too many people are ready to enroll themselves in that class, and hide behind that excuse. The most of us can perform this particular service and do it well, if we try. This year and one previous year the Christian Endeavorers at my request have helped and helped greatly in this work. Two other years the Men's League appointed committees to assist. Recently the Deacons, after thorough consideration of the matter, chose Deacon Neal and Mr. Roy to greet the people as they entered the church, at the morning service on Sunday and Deacons Strandberg and Raymond to perform a similar service in the evening. They have accepted office and begun their duties. We expect great things of them. But the privilege of welcoming the stranger must not be confined to them. In our homes we gladly greet the visitor, and he appreciates the atmosphere of hospitality with which we surround him. In our church-home we should be just as cordial and open-hearted in our welcome. I lay this before you as an urgent need, and ask you to make it, in each case, one of your personal ambitions for the year 1909 to change, so far as you have power, the attitude of our church toward the stranger.

SERMON LECTURES.

We have never descended to any cheap or sensational methods in order to win the momentary attention of a crowd of people. But it has been my custom to preach a series of special sermons each winter on Sunday evenings and to advertise the same throughout the community. The results have always been encouraging. During last winter and spring I chose for my general theme the world-trip which I had recently taken, and spoke for nine Sunday evenings on "The Orient." At the close of each of these sermon-lectures except the first I showed a number of stereopticon views, illustrating the subject on which I had just spoken. A quite remarkable interest was manifested by the general public, and the audiences were very large; on two or three occasions between 1,200 and 1,400 people being present.

The success of the plan was evidenced by the enquiries which came to me from many directions for further information, and it was felt that we had attained, in some measure, at least, the object which was sought, namely, the awakening of the minds of men and women to the unexampled events which are now transpiring in missionary lands. The Pastor and Deacons will consider the advisability of conducting a similar service during the present season.

THE CHOIR.

Prof. Havens and the Quartette have continued to furnish music of the highest order. Such a service of song as we are privileged to hear each Sunday should act upon us, not only in quickening our aesthetic and spiritual natures, but as a practical stimulant as well. I mean that we should be ever ready and anxious to make our neighbors and friends share with us this inspiring service. The Choral Club has assisted in the evenings, and now and then in the mornings. The beauty and strength of their mingled voices afford an additional element of

real power in the conduct of our public worship. It is hoped that before long Prof. Havens may be able to arrange for a concert to be given by the Quartette and Club.

THE PASTORAL STAFF.

In a neighborhood, such as ours, where people are constantly coming and going, it is imperative that a large force of pastoral workers and visitors should be employed. It is not well to live from hand to mouth; we must look to the future. Mr. Kennan, Mr. Gibbs, Miss Van Fleet, Miss Young, and your pastor were kept constantly busy, the most of us from morning till night, seven days in the week, and all of us felt the inadequacy of our combined service, in view of the vast opportunities awaiting us at every turn. Mr. Kennan's labors were most efficient. He proved himself an able leader. His resignation, to accept the call of the important church at Mason City, Iowa, was not only regretted by us all, but left many activities of prime importance without an executive to guide them. Mr. Gibbs was called to the Far West and the Raymond Chapel field was thus left vacant. Miss Van Fleet, who made some 1,500 calls a year, besides doing a great amount and variety of other work, resigned just before the beginning of 1908. These changes could not be made without risk. One person could not do the work of five, just as the five persons could not do, could hardly begin to do, the work that needed to be done on the field. That the church has not suffered a set-back as a result of the withdrawal of such an amount of consecrated activity, is due largely to the great faithfulness of our members.

DEACON WHITMORE'S ILLNESS.

The ill health of Deacon Whitmore during the entire year, and his absence and severe illness during the past five months, have been causes of unfeigned sorrow to his friends here. We have missed, more than tongue can tell, his genial presence, his hearty greeting, and his contagious zeal. We hope to hear soon of his complete recovery, and trust that we may have him with us again before many months are over. Mr. Whitmore has always taken a special interest in the keeping of the communion record, and has given a large amount of time to this quite difficult task. During most of the past year, the pastor has relieved him of this work, checking up the record month by month and making the necessary entries and changes. The campaign of last year in which Mr. Whitmore aided the trustees by raising \$3,000 in a few weeks amongst the members, so that all expenses might be met and the year be closed free of debt, will not soon be forgotten.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

I can speak in terms of unqualified praise of Superintendent Piercey's devotion. He has given his time, his thought and his toil self-denyingly to the school. He has borne the burdens of his office with courage, and he has brought things to pass. He has surrounded himself with a body of efficient assistants. The success of their mutual labors is seen in the increased attendance of scholars, in the gifts to benevolent and missionary enterprises, and in the spirit of vigor which, especially in recent months has permeated the life of the school. During the summer the work of Miss Evans as

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visitor brought excellent and immediate results. The Sunday afternoon prayer meetings, at which the pastor and superintendent met with the teachers, were a source of great encouragement. These will be continued during the month of January. Already quite a large number of the scholars have given themselves to Christ and are ready for baptism as a direct result of the personal effort of these consecrated teachers.

RAYMOND CHAPEL.

The conditions on our Raymond field have been most trying during the past year. After the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs we found affairs to be in a discouraging and even perilous state. Through the wise leadership of Dr. E. C. Spinny and the unflagging interest of Dr. F. H. Kelly and a little company of persevering helpers, the regular services were continued through the summer and autumn months. Then Rev. E. Lewis Kelly was chosen as assistant pastor in charge of the Raymond field, and he has begun a thorough rehabilitation of the work. I ask especial attention to Mr. Kelley's plea for workers. It should be remembered that we own without encumbrance the excellent and commodious new building and the lot on which it stands. It should be noted that the reports show the financial condition at the close of the year 1908 to be in every way satisfactory. Just now it is personal energy, personal consecration, personal and helpful service, on the part of our membership, which is needed.

OUR ORGANIZATIONS.

The various organizations at the home church are in a vigorous condition. The Sunday school seems to me to be in a healthier and more hopeful condition than at any time in six years. The two young men's classes, the Lorimer Baraca and the Judson class, are awake and valiant. Several of the members of the Judson class, taught by Mrs. R. F. Bennett, have recently dedicated their lives to Christ. They are talented and promising young men.

The Mission Circle and the Benevolent Society have achieved great results, as they always do. The Amoret Henson Guild has done its usual quiet and helpful work amongst the young women, keeping them active and interested and administering to their social needs.

The Endeavor Society has been having a large attendance at its regular meetings. It has a strong executive staff and a fine spirit prevails. The Junior Society meets on Sunday afternoons. Miss Alice M. Carter, who organized the society, and her associates, deserve our hearty gratitude for the fine service they have been rendering in this important field of effort.

THE MEN'S LEAGUE.

A little more than three years ago the Men's League found itself feeble, inefficient and almost disintegrated. Mr. C. H. Marshall consented to accept the presidency and there followed one of the most prosperous years the society has ever had. Mr. S. H. Trude succeeded Mr. Marshall and for the next two years we had an exceptionally strong organization. The masterly service rendered by Mr. Trude we shall not soon forget. The monthly meetings during those three years were large and enthusiastic, the programs were of rare excellence, and the spirit of wholesome co-operation prevailed. Mr. Marshall had prevailed upon the pastor to take

charge of a Bible class on Sundays at 12 o'clock, and that weekly meeting with the study of God's Word was made the central feature of the league's work. For three years I met a group of men at that noon hour, and the average attendance was about thirty-five. This splendid average was maintained in spite of the many drawbacks connected with the hour, which need not be detailed here. Considering the awkwardness of that hour, which prevented the attending, the fact that those thirty-five men (the number often reaching much beyond that) were willing to tarry after the long morning preaching service for this special hour of study, has been a source of great joy to me, and to all of those connected with the class. I shall never forget those weekly meetings with that company of faithful men.

Last autumn Mr. W. E. Smith succeeded Mr. S. H. Trude as president of the league. His term of office has begun auspiciously, and we believe that he will prove an able leader and that he will plan and carry into effect mighty things, rallying about him the strong men of the church for aggressive service. The question of changing the league meeting on Sunday from 12 to 9:30 was carefully canvassed by President Smith, and he found that, although a few of the Sunday school workers could not be present at the earlier hour, more of the men were free at that time, so the hour has been changed and Mr. C. R. Stuffer, than whom no man in our church is more scholarly, more gifted and with a profounder knowledge of the Scriptures, has consented to take charge of the class as teacher. Under these circumstances, with the plans which Mr. Smith is inaugurating for the enlistment of the men of the community, the number should speedily grow to an average of sixty or seventy.

CHURCH FEDERATIONS OF MEN.

It may grow to greater numbers but this I doubt. In the first place we have two strong young men's classes. Such young men in other churches are usually a constituent part of the one big men's class and swell its members. Then, again, a very large men's class is the great exception in our churches. A few years ago I read a glowing account of a wonderful men's class of 200 members but, being interested, and making inquiries I found that on a certain fine Sunday less than forty members were present. In two other such cases I have found similar results. There are in each denomination in each big city, one or two very large men's classes which have grown up under the inspirational influence and personal magnetism of some one strong layman who has given time and money to the work. But there are seldom more than

The movement for the establishment of men's one or two of great size. program and entered into an extended correspondence under the chairmanship of Mr. William fifteen under the chairmanship of Mr. William clubs and classes started in this country nearly twenty years ago. It passed through a period of enthusiasm and was widely advertised and heralded, but within the last few years it has lost in power and has tried to save itself by the organization of inter-church and even inter-denominational brotherhoods, but the conviction is deepening within the minds of thoughtful men that unless there are specific and clearly

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defined aims before each organization it cannot hope for permanent success among business men. In such cases as that of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, where the aim is clear cut, the work is enthusiastic, the results glorious. I speak of this matter somewhat at length because I believe that in the local church the ideal club or class is that which makes central in all its activities the study of God's Work. This may not be a big organization, so far as numbers go, but its work must be solid, enlightening and productive.

LAY SERVICE.

It is doubtful whether the church has ever had such a large amount of efficient help from its lay members as it had during the summer of 1908. These grand men of our church willingly agreed to the request of the pastor to labor in such varied fields of effort as the morning preaching service, the evening open-air meetings, the Raymond preaching service, the conduct of "Church Life," the leadership of the prayer meeting, in addition to all the regular activities in which they ordinarily employ themselves. I do not hesitate to refer especially, and with profound gratitude, to the really magnificent service of Mr. H. H. VanMeter, who preached Sunday after Sunday at the open-air meeting in the evening and conducted the after-meeting in the church. These popular services drew excellent congregations and interested many. How good it was on those hot Sunday evenings to get outside the four walls of the building and sing and speak and pray in presence of the passing crowds. It was a new thing for the old First church, but it is the Master's way and we will try it again and He will bless us in it. It was a strong testimony, a courageous witness, to the power of the faith which is ours. I am convinced that we must enlist more and more of this lay service if we would meet the issues of the future in our field.

LOCATION OF MEMBERS.

It is always interesting to know where our fellow members live. A careful study of the directory of the church, which has just been published, shows the following geographical distribution:

South of Fortieth street.....	289
On Raymond Chapel Field.....	98
West and North Sides and City Proper.....	52
Suburbs.....	38
Non-resident.....	136
Address Unknown.....	6
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In Vicinity of Church.....	619
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Total Membership.....	396
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Total Membership.....	1015

I have regarded as residing in the vicinity of the church all those who live within a territory bounded by Twenty-second street, Fortieth street, Wentworth avenue and the lake, that is within a radius of about one mile from the church building.

NEEDS.

I have referred throughout my report to urgent needs of our church, the need for a worthier support of the Sunday evening service, the need in the nobler spirit of thoughtfulness of others in the welcoming of strangers at our regular meetings, the need for a more aggressive lay service. In all these respects we are probably

far above the average city church, but we are much below the ideal. Let me speak now of two other pressing needs.

During the coming year steps should certainly be taken to preserve our church building from deterioration. We have a most beautiful church home, but it is in need of thorough repair. Briefly, we should have the roof put in first-class condition and we should decorate the interior. The Lord's house must not be allowed to suffer. This work will be costly but nothing surely is more important. Even though the amount required for this work be large, say \$10,000, it is a task to which we must loyally rally. I set it before you as an imperative duty.

I have before called your attention to the call of the community. This call in some heroic fashion we should answer. It is not necessary to repeat the arguments that have been so often used. The presence of mighty and diabolical forces in our neighborhood, seeking the corruption of youth and the destruction of virtue, constitute at once a warning and a challenge. If in this matter our entire church could see eye to eye, I am sure that a truly great work could be accomplished. By many it is felt that a parish house, with elaborate arrangements, such as those of the Y. M. C. A., would solve the problem. Others advocate a more vigorous campaign along strictly evangelical lines. This would require a strong force of paid workers and visitors. I hope that very soon it may be possible for us to have a careful and judicious consideration of this entire question, so that by our mutual counsels we may solve the problem which to-day faces every church situated as is ours.

We are not a down-town church and will not be for years to come. We are what has been called a "mid-town church." We are fortunate in retaining, so much more completely than do many churches, the sympathetic loyalty and help of so many of our members who live at a distance. We must gird ourselves for the new duties and the new opportunities which are coming to us in the midst of a changing environment.

Austen K. deBlois, Pastor.

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1908.

ASSETS.

Cash in Bank, December 31, 1908.....	\$ 3.38
Accounts Receivable, good and doubtful..	709.80
Cash in Illinois Trust & Savings Bank..	955.54
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	\$1,668.72

LIABILITIES.

Drake Fund.....	\$789.03
Mortgage Fund.....	255.92
Balance: Assets over Liabilities, good and doubtful.....	623.77
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	\$1,668.72

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.....	\$1,440.11
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908.....	1,074.85
Basket Collections.....	3,225.61
Weekly Offerings.....	4,230.15
Pew Rents.....	3,257.09
Contributions to Gen. Expense Fund.....	102.03
Deficit, December 31, 1908.....	<hr/>
	\$13,329.84

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Disbursements.

Expense Accounts unpaid 1907.....	\$1,557.85
Pastor's Salary.....	5,000.00
R. R. Kennan Asst. 5½ months.....	275.00
Treasurer, 9 months.....	360.00
Janitor.....	600.00
Pulpit Supply.....	60.00
Choir.....	2,357.95
Light and Heat.....	686.80
Repairs.....	172.50
New Boilers.....	580.85
Printing and Postage.....	104.87
Annual Roll Call.....	8.75
Sundry Small Bills.....	208.59
Interest.....	307.50
Insurance.....	373.71
Taxes.....	3.62
Spec. Assess.....	21.85
Raymond Chapel.....	225.00
Sunday School.....	225.00

\$13,329.84

BENEVOLENCES.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908.....	\$690.11
Pledges of 1907, Paid 1908.....	11.20
Pledges of 1908.....	
Foreign Missions.....	343.44
Home Missions.....	232.48
State Missions.....	116.24
City Missions.....	58.12
Am. Bapt. Pub. Soc.....	58.12
Aged Ministers.....	58.12
Chicago Baptist Hospital.....	46.49
Chicago Baptist Orphanage.....	46.49
Ministerial Education.....	34.87
Chicago Tract Society.....	23.25
Anti-Saloon League.....	23.25
Bureau of Charities.....	23.25
Pacific Garden Mission.....	23.25
Northern Bapt. Convention.....	75.00

\$1,863.68

Purse subscribed for Rev. R. Kennan.....	\$100.00
Regions Beyond Miss. Union.....	30.59
Chicago Baptist Orphanage.....	4.32
Bureau of Charities.....	8.65
So. P. Ave. M. E. Ch.....	4.33
C. Bapt. Hospital, Spec. Bequests.....	313.00

\$460.89

Disbursements.

Benevolences, 1907.....	\$ 659.89
Northern Bapt. Convention.....	75.00
Balance on hand.....	1,128.79

\$1,863.68

Rev. R. Kennan.....	\$100.00
Regions Beyond Miss. Union.....	30.59
Chicago Baptist Orphanage.....	4.32
Bureau of Charities.....	8.65
So. P. Ave. M. E. Church.....	4.33
Chicago Bapt. Hospital Spec. Bequests.....	313.00

\$460.89

The following amounts were given by the membership and by the various societies of the church, but did not pass through the books of the Treasurer, though they were reported to him:

Baptist Missionary Training School.....	\$3744.13
Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	1300.00
Sunday-school (in add. to ch. contribu.).....	1113.03
Woman's Mission Circle.....	970.34
Raymond Chapel and S. S. (in addition to special contribution of \$225).....	797.50
Am. Bap. Miss. Union.....	310.00
Diamond Jubilee Celebration.....	251.14
Chicago Y. M. C. A.....	200.00
Canadian Baptist Missions.....	70.00
Baron Uxkull for Russian Theo. School.....	45.00
Chicago Y. W. C. A.....	17.00
Colored Industrial School in Georgia.....	10.00
Pandita Ramabai's Work.....	7.50

Total, Special Benevolences.....	\$9035.64
Regular Benevolences.....	1863.68
Extra Items, as above.....	460.88

Grand Total for Benevolences, etc....\$11360.21

THE REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK.

The First Baptist Church:

Dear Brethren: The records show the following additions and losses for the years 1907 and 1908, no report having been made for 1907.

ADDITIONS.

By Baptism.....	65
By Letter.....	51
By Experience.....	11
By Restoration.....	1
	128

LOSSES.

By Letter.....	77
By Death.....	7
By Dropping.....	17
By Exclusion.....	0

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Net gain.....27

Total Membership, Jan. 1, 1909.....1,033

W. B. Nichols, Church Clerk.

RAYMOND CHAPEL.

In making a report of the work on the Raymond Field, the writer is at a loss to know just what might properly be said. The regular services of the mission have been held. After the assistant pastor, Rev. Mr. Gibbs, left last spring, the responsibility fell largely upon Dr. Spinney, the chairman of the mission committee. The doctor gave himself to the work with untiring devotion. The preaching of the word has been carried on every Sunday by Dr. Spinney, our pastor Dr. deBlois, Dr. Eubank, Brother Foster, Brother Raymond or myself. The congregations have been small and the work in many ways discouraging.

There has been but one baptism from off this field this year. None from the Sunday-school. Dr. F. H. Kelly has labored hard and faithfully in the work of the school, but this work for a large part of the time, has gone on very unsatisfactorily, not through any fault or lack of interest or effort on the part of the superintendent or his small but faithful band of workers, but through the lack of interest on the part of those who could but would not respond to the doctor's appeals for workers.

The Young People's Society dropped their meetings for the summer, and it was with difficulty they were taken up this fall. Now there is a movement on for reorganizing. The prospects are good for some splendid work from this branch of the mission.

The Girl's Guild under the efficient leadership of Miss Lingle is doing a good work.

The Ladies' Aid Society has been heroically holding on.

Sister Wigney has been having a large Industrial School, but she, like our superintendent of the Sunday-school, has been laboring under great discouragements on account of the lack of teachers.

The men of Raymond Field organized a Men's League late in August. Bro. McIntyre, president; Bro. Wadie, vice president; Bro. Hackendahl, secretary and Bro. Grant, treasurer. The league has an enrollment, every man who has attended the mission over three preaching services this summer. They will average seventy-five per cent. of the membership present at their meetings. They are full of life and activity and hope. This is one of the bright prospects for the future work. They have renovated the ladies' parlor, and the prayer meeting room and are contemplating other needed improvements. They are in training for some personal work along the lines of saving souls, and I believe we shall hear more favorable reports from them this year.

The new lights in the chapel will be a great help. They will chase away the gloom and bring in its place light and cheer.

Since the assistant pastor took charge in November, the work has become more thoroughly organized. The organization of our Sunday-school, which will be accomplished to-night in the election of our officers, will mean much for the work in this line. Our school has been running for the past two months without officers and but few teachers. We will now have officers and more teachers, and hope a better report may be given for the coming year.

May we have your sympathy and prayers? Occasionally call over and see us. Your presence and interest will be an encouragement and inspiration to our workers.

E. Lewis Kelley, Assistant Pastor.

RAYMOND CHAPEL. REPORT OF TREASURER.

Receipts from all sources from March 5, 1908 to January 12, 1909.....	\$827.38
Disbursements covering same period of time as follows:	
April 17, 1908, Rev. W. Thurston Gibbs..	\$ 4.75
April 17, 1908, Thos. Hughes (Coal & Wood).....	1.50
April 29, 1908, Rev. Thurston Gibbs.....	58.66
March 30, 1908, Peoples' Gas & Coke Co..	4.08
April 4, 1908, Peoples' Gas & Coke Co....	4.42
April 6, 1908, Rev. W. Thurston Gibbs..	63.33
April 8, 1908, Mrs. Gilmore.....	16.00
May 4, 1908, Mrs. Gilmore.....	16.00
June 1, 1908, Mrs. Gilmore.....	12.00
June 4, 1908, Peoples' Gas Co.....	6.46
July 3, 1908, Peoples' Gas Co.....	1.87
June 1, 1908, A. King (Glass Raymond Chapel)	2.85

June 6, 1908, Gas Hoods.....	.60
July 6, 1908, Mrs. J. T. Gilmore.....	12.00
July 20, 1908, Fred Ewert (Supplies)...	8.86
July 21, 1908, F. H. Hackendahl (Ventilation for Raymond Chapel).....	3.00
July 24, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	20.00
Aug. 1, 1908, Peoples' Gas Co.....	1.02
Aug. 5, 1908, Mrs. Gilmore.....	12.00
Aug. 5, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	5.00
Aug. 8, 1908, Gus Miller (Fixing Windows Raymond Chapel).....	6.10
Aug. 10, 1908, S. A. Cornwall (Lecture)..	5.00
Sept. 1, 1908, Peoples' Gas Co.....	1.36
Sept. 1, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	5.00
Sept. 8, 1908, Mrs. Gilmore.....	12.00
Sept. 3, 1908, Dea. W. R. Raymond	5.00
Oct. 1, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	5.00
Oct. 1, 1908, Peoples' Gas Co.....	1.02
Oct. 6, 1908, Mrs. J. T. Gilmore.....	12.00
Oct. 7, 1908, Rev. S. P. Foster.....	5.00
Oct. 7, 1908, Postage.....	9.64
Oct. 12, 1908, Rev. Edgerton Duncan....	6.00
Oct. 31, 1908, Neal & Co., Kindling Raymond Chapel.....	8.25
Sept. 9, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	5.00
Sept. 18, 1908, Rev. A. P. Foster.....	5.00
Sept. 26, 1908, A. J. McIntyre (plumbing repairing Raymond Chapel)	12.73
Aug. 24, 1908, Fred Ewert (Hardware for Raymond Chapel).....	5.64
Oct. 25, 1908, Rev. T. S. Foster.....	5.00
Nov. 5, 1908, Mrs. J. T. Gilmore.....	12.00
Nov. 9, 1908, A. King, Repairs for Raymond Chapel.....	2.75
Nov. 9, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	5.00
Nov. 14, 1908, A. J. McIntyre, R. Chapel.	9.17
Nov. 22, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	18.00
Nov. 7, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	9.00
Nov. 18, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	9.00
Nov. 22, 1908, F. H. Hackendahl, Raymond Chapel.....	2.00
Nov. 28, 1908, Gas Fixtures.....	1.20
Dec. 2, 1908, Mrs. J. T. Gilmore.....	16.00
Dec. 9, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	9.00
Dec. 13, 1908, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	9.00
Dec. 18, 1908, Wm. Wigney (coal).....	20.00
Dec. 22, 1908, Mrs. J. T. Gilmore.....	16.00
Dec. 23, 1908, F. H. Hackendahl (Repairs for Raymond Chapel).....	14.73
Dec. 23, 1908, F. H. Hackendahl (Repairs)	16.59
Jan. 2, 1909, Peoples' Gas Co.....	8.84
Jan. 4, 1909, Rev. E. L. Kelly.....	18.00
Jan. 4, 1909, Siegel Cooper, Blankets, lights, fixtures, etc., Raymond Chapel	30.38
Total	\$595.80
Balance on hand	\$231.58
E. C. Spinney, Treas. Raymond Mission.	

RAYMOND CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.	
Balance on hand January 1, 1908.....	\$ 50.76
Sunday-school Collection for the year...	99.15
Library Fund for the Year.....	24.62
Donations from Various Sources.....	20.69
	\$195.12
Paid D. C. Cook & Co. in full due on 1907 account	57.54

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Paid miscellaneous expenses due on 1907 account	31.58
Paid D. C. Cook & Co. in full on supplies received during year 1908.....	58.42
Paid miscellaneous expenses for 1908....	58.01

\$205.55

Deficit\$ 10.43

All bills contracted for are paid up to January 1, 1909, so far as I know.

I have on hand \$17.44 received from birthday offerings, July 14, 1907, to December 31, 1908, to be forwarded to Dr. Eubank for Hucham, China, for foreign missionary work.

B. C. Lingle, Treasurer.

By F. H. Hackendahl, Acting Treasurer.

WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

The Woman's Mission Circle has held the regular meetings during the year just closed and a deep interest is manifested in evangelizing the world, by this little company who gather for study month by month.

One of our members has visited the foreign mission fields during the year and we have all been enriched by her experience.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the Woman's Mission Union during the year, when six hundred women of our association gathered in the interest of home and foreign missions, and the meeting was an inspiring one.

We have contributed \$970.34 to woman's work in missions; \$540.31 of this is for Home Missions; \$430.03 for Foreign Missions.

J. M. C. Lingle, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM JANUARY, 1908 TO JANUARY, 1909.

Home Missions.....	\$377.81
Training School.....	162.50
Foreign Missions.....	344.53
Deficit	79.75
Home for Miss. Children	5.75
Total	\$970.34

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

From month to month we gather in these rooms and listen to the various reports with a feeling of mild satisfaction concerning the work that is being accomplished in our society, but it is the mission of the annual report to open our eyes to the vast importance of doing small tasks regularly and well, for it groups and classifies our achievements and presents them to us as a surprising and most gratifying whole. Although like the convalescent whose daily gain is so slight as to be almost imperceptible to those who keep watch, but who at last attains the fair heights of health and activity in spite of the slow progress, we sometimes chafe at our apparently trifling accomplishments, when we face the crying needs about us, but as we look back at the close of the twelve months, we realize that the sum of our completed tasks makes a total which proclaims us a power in the work that God has called women to do. We have a membership of about eighty, of whom five are new and we have held sixteen meetings with an average attendance of sixty-six and a fraction.

The largest was in October, which argues well for our winter's work, and we must attribute the smallest to the exigencies of spring cleaning, as it occurred May 1.

We began our year under a new, yet pleasantly familiar leadership. Mrs. Clifford Williams having for the third time assumed the duties of president, which Mrs. McCullough had relinquished after two years of faithful service. Mrs. Williams is eminently fitted for the position, as she possesses the love and confidence of each member of the society, as well as the ability to direct the work done therein, and she brought with her the accumulated enthusiasm of her two years' retirement from office, which found its first outlet in an "Evening of Surprises," held at her home February 13, when a goodly sum of money was realized.

Although there seems to be much stress laid on the financial side of our undertakings, one can easily understand why this must be so, for without money, the benevolent work for which the society was organized, would languish, so we have striven mightily to add to our income throughout the year. Two embroidery teas have been given, orders have been filled for aprons and comforts, and subscriptions taken for Good Housekeeping, brought in \$94.40, making April a profitable month.

Our energies have been drawn upon in serving refreshments for a general church social last January, a luncheon for the Women's Missionary Union in March, a dinner for thirty men connected with the Baptist Executive Council in September, and the Men's League Banquet in October. The latter added a good amount to our treasury, thanks to the excellent management of Mrs. Hinckley, who has, for two years, borne the brunt of the work and responsibility connected with it.

In October we pledged ourselves to give \$1,000 toward the indebtedness on the lot south of the church, provided the remainder should be raised from other sources. With this in view we prepared for a bazaar which was held Dec. 3-4, and which netted us \$805. So we have a large portion of our pledge already in hand.

Our treasury has been called upon for contributions to the Industrial School, to the Jackson Park Sanitarium, Raymond Mission, to the Midnight Mission, to a nurse for a Chinese woman, to clothing for a destitute child, to the Easter decorations for our own church, and for other flowers. We have also made large personal donations of cash to the Midnight Mission, and of household necessities to the Baptist Hospital, where one of our woven rugs has also found its way.

As there are many occasions when we need a large quantity of china, we have supplied ourselves liberally during the year, purchasing some silverware also. A much-needed water has been installed in the kitchen, and a new cover adorns our couch.

In all, the sum of \$426.16 has been expended by our treasurer, leaving a balance of \$161.34 exclusive of the special fund pledged toward raising the mortgage which is several times that amount.

It has given us great joy on two recent occasions, when members who have been unable to participate personally in our undertakings, have

made liberal donations in money. The spirit which prompts such deeds is indeed sweet, and is the same which actuates those less favored with worldly goods to give of their time, when the pressure of work in the society demands that the extra sewing be done at home. Our charitable work has pursued practically the same course as in former years; sewing for the pupil nurses at the Baptist Hospital, for the Children's Aid Society, and for our own poor, who are under the watchful supervision of our distributing committee, in the absence of a regular church visitor, and through whose hands 350 garments, old and new, seven comforts and five pieces of furniture have passed.

The missionary barrel has been packed and sent as usual, and we have been represented for a part of the year in a work called "Friendly Visiting" done in connection with the Bureau of Charities.

Great joys and great sorrows have come to many of our number in the last year, and our hearts have beaten in sympathy with both the gladness and the grief. Twice has death knocked at our very door, summoning Mrs. Everts, who was the pioneer in our Benevolent Society work, and an inspiration to us, even when she could no longer attend the meetings, and Mrs. Branch, who often made the trip from a distant suburb, to be with the workers she had loved and labored with in former years.

Theirs is the joy and understanding, and ours the loss.

Some of our best loved members have sought dwelling places remote from the noise and grime of this big city, but in spirit they are still our own, as their frequent visits to the home circle attest.

It is a common failing to become so accustomed to our blessings, that we cease to value them at their true worth. We have taken our faithful treasurer, Miss Goodman, so much for granted during her many years of service, that we do not realize how greatly we should miss her absolute accuracy, her constant attention to the needs of the society, and her unfailing patience with the annoying details of her work, were we to be called upon to fill her place.

So with our standing committees, they vary so little from year to year, either in membership or the excellence of their work; that we do not pause to think of the day when a change will come, and we shall no longer have the opportunity to speak words of appreciation for their faithful services.

The eternal vigilance of the cutting committee makes possible the boast that there is always work ready for the workers, and this was still true when its chairman was kept from us for months by a tedious illness. There was no shrinking of responsibility then. The quilt committee is always busy in the corner which would seem empty indeed without the faithful occupants whose work never lags.

The lookout committee has a mission, other than personal enjoyment and benefit, in attending the church services, and many a strange heart has been gladdened by a handclasp and a greeting, before leaving our portals.

The Industrial school suffered a great loss when Miss Chandler's change of residence obliged her to give up the work, but even that cloud

showed a silver lining when Mrs. Wigney gathered her forces and opened the school in October.

Of the table committee there is no word to speak except of highest praise. Those who have enjoyed, week after week, the dainty and bountiful luncheons which it serves, must realize that to provide for an average of sixty-six people at an average cost of about \$8.50, indicates a financier as well as a chairman at the helm.

Not many weeks ago we were told that people made a mistake in wasting first-class enthusiasm on second-class objects. We know our enthusiasm to be of the very highest grade, and we pray for wisdom to guide us in choosing the objects most worthy of it.

Emerson says, "Hitch your wagon to a star," And though constant effort, and possible downfalls may mark our way as we struggle to achieve this lofty height, it is better far to climb, than to labor content on a lower plane. We learn our strength only by testing it, so let us have courage to attempt great things in order to assure ourselves of our own power, and may we ever see duty in opportunity, when Christ points the way.

Respectfully submitted,
E. B. Roy, Secretary.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

The year's work began with Mr. Robert Le-land as president, and as the society was not in a very flourishing condition, immediate steps were taken to increase the membership of the society and to awaken the interest of all connected with it. The Red and Blue Contest was started and proved a great success; seven new members were added to our roll and there was a decided increase in the attendance and in the general interest.

During the month of June, open air meetings were held on Monday evenings under the direction of the Christian Endeavorers, and were conducted by Mr. H. H. Van Meter.

The first of July the semi-annual election was held, and Miss Clara deClereq was made president. The first two months following this election the regular Sunday evening prayer meetings were given up, and our forces were joined to those of the church in holding open air meetings on Sunday evenings at 7 o'clock.

In October the Senior C. E. Society organized a Junior Society under the able leadership of Miss Alice Carter. Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the lecture room of the church. A great deal of interest is shown by the children, the attendance is increasing and the meetings have been very successful.

As the methods of raising money had not proven entirely satisfactory, it was decided to adopt the envelope system for raising current expenses, and pledges were also secured for missions, which were collected in mite boxes. Very satisfactory results have been obtained.

According to the constitution, officers were elected twice a year, in January and July. The term of office being so short, it was impossible for the officers to successfully complete their work in the time allotted them. We have revised that part of our constitution, extending the term of office from six months to one year.

We feel that the progress both in attendance

and interest, has been very marked during the year; that the society is in a very promising condition and that the outlook is bright for more aggressive work.

Respectfully submitted,
Medora Googins, Secretary.

MEN'S LEAGUE.

Dear Friends: I beg to submit the following report on the work of the league for the past twelve months.

At a meeting of the league on February 11, it was unanimously resolved to have cards printed for announcing the meetings and advertising the work of the league.

On the evening of March 12, the league held one of its interesting and intellectually inspiring monthly social gatherings at which we had the pleasure of listening to interesting talks by the following gentlemen, Judge Fake of the Municipal court; Judge Underwood, Assistant State's Attorney, and the Rev. Morton Culver Hartzell, interspersed with music by our quartette.

On May 31, a business meeting was held and a committee appointed (chairman, J. H. Tomlinson) to nominate officers for ensuing session. A resolution was then passed to discontinue regular meetings until fall.

On September 15 the annual business meeting was held and officers for the 1908-09 session appointed, though we regretted to lose the services of Mr. S. H. Trude from the presidential position, yet we were fortunate in obtaining the services of our capable and energetic brother, Mr. W. E. Smith, who has and is still doing yeoman service, and should be rewarded by the hearty support of our members. It was decided to continue the annual dues at the sum of \$1, but I regret that some members have not responded readily in this matter and would urge all members to give it attention, as we need funds to carry on this important work.

A committee was appointed to co-operate with the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committee in arranging for our annual banquet to be held on October 27 at the opening of the church's seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations. On October 27 our annual banquet was held and this was the crowning social event in the 1908 annals of our league. Doubtless you are all well acquainted with the details of this event and it will suffice me to say that it proved a great success, and the highest praise is due the ladies of the Benevolent Society, and to the committees.

Since that date we have held two social evenings and three business meetings. At the first of the social gatherings we were favored by an excellent address by the Rev. William White Wilson of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and by musical items which were highly appreciated, and at the second by an address from a well-known and much beloved former pastor, Dr. P. S. Henson. These meetings were well attended and much appreciated to the great satisfaction of the social committee, and its chairman, Dr. Frank Gale.

The business meetings were chiefly devoted to the question of the league Bible class, and of changing hour of same from 12-15 p. m. to 9:30 a. m., meeting with the Sunday-school which, through the untiring efforts of our president and

the chairman of fellowship committee, Dr. W. H. Gale, also of our vice president, Mr. C. M. Clark, now gives promise of great things and under the guidance of our capable leader, Mr. C. R. Stouffer, who has kindly consented to lead the studies, we look to it as a means of inspiration for the other work of the league, and hope all will give their support. At the last business meeting held November 10, two delegates were appointed to attend National Baptist Brotherhood conference in this city November 12 and 13. A resolution was also passed that we join with the neighboring clubs in a series of united meetings, at the respective churches, the meeting in our own church to be held January 22, in place of our monthly social gathering. Though good work has already been done in our neighborhood, there is still much to be done and we earnestly request the support of our members and their friends.

Respectfully submitted,
T. Ralph Ridley, Secretary.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Chicago, Ill., January 11, 1909.

To the First Baptist Church;

Dear Brethren and Sisters: I submit the following report of the Sunday-school for 1908.

The average attendance during the year is shown by the secretary's report hereto attached, to be 542.11; showing an increase of 49.46.

The attendance has been more regular during the past year and in this connection I attach a list of those who have attended the Intermediate Department with great regularity and thereby being entitled to gold, silver and bronze awards.

Eighteen scholars have made profession of their faith and united with the church during the past year and many more are coming forward, and I believe that all who have so united with the church, will be found active in work and giving. No special effort has been made to bring these professors into the church, the teachers are laboring to that end all the time by faithful presentation of our faith and belief.

FINANCES.

The system of setting aside for a specific object fifty per cent. of each Sunday's offering has been very successful as will be seen from the treasurer's report attached hereto.

The lack of money has been greatly felt and it is hoped that the amount to be allotted by the church this coming year will be generous and be paid in quarterly allotments and if possible these allotments should be paid in the middle of each quarter.

WORKERS.

The number of workers in our Sunday-school during the year has averaged sixty-five, and a more faithful and hard working band of officers and teachers I do not believe can be found, and as superintendent I desire to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

BIBLE CLASS.

Eight Bible Classes have been sustained and the attendance has been good.

A class of young men and ladies was started this last fall and has met with success, with Miss Davio for teacher.

The Lorimer class (Dea. Chas. Pienkowsky, teacher) had a good attendance and the class

has been greatly interested in athletics under the Cook County Sunday-school Association.

The class of young ladies taught by Dr. Spinney has been well attended.

The class of younger ladies, Mrs. Wigney

teacher, has had a good regular attendance and will be shortly organized as training class.

The young men's class (averaging from sixteen to twenty years of age), Mrs. F. C. Bennett,

teacher, has had a good attendance and has organized as the Judson class, and a report from this class is attached.

The boys Bible class under Mr. Robert Island was established this fall and is getting new members right along.

Deacon Ahren's adult Bible class has sustained its average attendance and all members of the church are invited to attend this class.

The Men's League class two months ago changed their hour of meeting to join with the school and before another year has passed it is hoped that the men of our church will fill the class room under the excellent leadership of Bro. Stouffer.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

The attendance has been good. The average number of classes has been twenty-four. The attendance would have been much larger had there been a Visitor.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

The success of this department has been established and is found to be far superior to the old way of having what was called "graduating classes." The average number of classes in this department has been five. The number of scholars who graduated therefrom to the Intermediate Department was thirty-eight.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The attendance has been good. The average number of classes has been eleven. The attendance would have been much larger had there been a Visitor.

JUNIOR PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The attendance has been good and it is very gratifying to see the interest displayed by the parents who bring these little ones each Sunday morning.

The teachers' training class under the direction of the Cook County Sunday School Association was, I am sorry to say, given up for lack of attendance. After the training class was discontinued a weekly meeting of teachers for study of the lesson was held under the leadership of Rev. R. R. Kennan and continued until he left for his new field of labor. These meetings were well attended and were very beneficial to all.

The loss of Miss Van Fleet as Visitor was greatly felt and finding the need of some one to call on absent scholars so great that the school employed for the months of July and August, Miss Evans, with the result that the attendance during these months, when most were enjoying vacations in the country, was greatly increased and it was with great regret that the services of Miss Evans could not be procured for a longer period. The need of a consecrated woman as Visitor is a necessity and as superintendent I earnestly recommend that steps be taken at as early a date as possible to procure a Visitor. The value of a

Visitor to our pastor cannot be told. A woman's sympathy to a family in trouble and distress cannot be judged by the money expended in payment, of such a person and as an aid to the pastor no one can value such services as a pastor.

The loss of the Rev. R. R. Kennan was greatly felt and the thanks of all are due to him. He was always on hand and ready for anything from teaching a class of little ones or adults, to giving counsel, and in fact nothing was too difficult or too small for him to attempt, and, it can truly be said he always did what his hands found to do and did it well.

THE LIBRARY.

The church some years ago gave the school a good library. Many of these books have become old and many are in bad condition—some means should be devised to place the present library in an up-to-date condition by getting new books.

In this connection I report to the church that the money left to the school by our late sister, Mrs. Branch, has been used in putting in a Teachers' reference library and the books are marked "A memorial" to our deceased sister. It is trusted that these books will be a great blessing to the school as well as keeping fresh to our minds the life of our beloved sister.

The future of the church is in the teaching and training of the young and this must be accomplished by the Sunday-school, hence it is the duty of the church to help and sustain the school. All the members of our church can help either by teaching or being members of a class and it is to be greatly hoped that the day is coming when we shall see all of our church members enrolled on the Sunday-school books.

It is with great regret I find myself so situated as to have to relinquish the superintendency of the school and in so doing I again wish to thank all the officers and teachers for their kind forbearance and assistance. I especially desire to thank Dr. F. H. Kelly for his assistance during the past two years.

In conclusion I thank the church for the great trust it has conferred on me for the past two years and if the work during this time has been a success to ask that all credit for same may be given to my co-workers rather than to me.

I ask the church for continuous prayer to our Lord and Master that the work of our Sunday-school may be greatly blessed during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Piercey, Superintendent.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL. December, 1908.

List of members entitled to gold plated, silver plated and bronze awards for excellence in attendance for the year ending with Rally Day, 1908.

First Award. 100%.
(Being neither absent nor late.)
Consecutive

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Class.	Name.	Sundays Present.
Off.	M. J. Piercey	104
Off.	Dr. F. H. Kelly	90
19.	Deacon Wm. Wigney, Teacher.....	241
19.	Ada Holman	52
29.	Suzette Carroll	319
27.	Miss M. E. Van Fradenberg, Teacher	197
27.	Marie Weinland	78
27.	Ethel Woolridge	138
B.	Frank Walter	91
D.	Mrs. Wm. Wigney, Teacher.....	217
E.	Mrs. F. C. Bennett, Teacher.....	55
E.	Charles Hall	368
E.	Arthur Vennell	56
G.	Mrs. Sarah Lowney.....	101

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Second Award. 99.4%.

(Absent 0, Tardy 1.)

8.	Harold Lumley	109
9.	Leon Strandberg	52
12.	Mr. C. H. Holman, Teacher.....	52
17.	Edna Wolters	88
17.	Leah Allaby	56

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Third Award. 98.8%.

(Absent 0, Tardy 2.)

1.	Henry Meigs Dunn	109
8.	Leslie Lumley	108
G.	Fred Olson	57

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Others whose records are noteworthy are as follows:

Class.	Name	Consecutive Sundays	Absent	Late
1.	Lester Groom	75	0	5
1.	Leon Bollin	52	0	20
5.	Robt. Leland, Tea.	55	1	0
8.	Dr. W. H. Gale, T.	53	0	6
15.	James Shane	152	0	25
16.	Frances Strandberg	52	1	11
10.	Cornelia Buehlow.	83	1	0
19.	Laura Douglas....	118	0	8
17.	Lulu Drake	81	2	3
27.	Laura Duffy	193	0	6
27.	Mona Elliser	52	0	14
G.	J. H. Tomlinson...	141	0	?
G.	Mrs. M. G. Perkins	54	1	1
Of.	Chas. H. Stone....	59	0	?
Of.	Dr. F. W. Gale....	52	0	4

Note: Deacon Wm. Wigney, Mrs. Wigney, Miss M. E. Van Fradenberg, Suzette Carroll, Chas. Hall, have been present and early ever since records have been kept.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

From January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909.

ENROLLMENT Primary Department.

	1907	1908
Cradle Roll	37	53
Infant Dept.		
Officers	2	6
Teachers	4	1

Scholars	140	140	160	160
Junior Dept.				
Officers	6	6		
Teachers	5	5		
Scholars	65	65		
Total			71	71
Intermediate Department.				
Main School.				
Officers	7	11		
Teachers	23	19		
Scholars	128	154	161	184
Bible Classes.				
Teachers	9	8		
Scholars	125	111		
Men's League	111	150	236	261
Grand Total			397	445
			684	732

Home Department Enrollment..... 1908 1907
Number of Scholars taken into Church during
1908 is 18.

Respectfully submitted,

January 5, 1909.
Frank W. Gale,
The Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1908.

Receipts.

Jan. 1, cash on hand, gen'l fund \$	51.80
Birthday Offering Fund.....	17.98
Teachers' Training Class.....	38.00
For Benevolences	122.49 \$230.27
Regular Sunday Collections.	
Birthday Offering	39.06
Expense Account	220.10
Benevolences	220.09
Miscellaneous.	
Pope Memo. Fund	25.00
Home Department	37.24
Church	225.00
Sacrifice Fund	45.23
Fisher Mission Fund	99.84
Baptist Hospital Fund	17.37
Benevolences	17.70
Mrs. Branch Memorial	50.00
Friends	55.50
Thanksgiving Offering	23.63
Bible Class 'D' for the Regions Beyond	5.87
Christmas for Baptist Orphanage.....	26.13
	\$1338.03

Disbursements.

Benevolences.	\$ 60.00
Rev. C. H. D. Fisher.....	65.64
Chinese Mission	27.86
Bohemia Mission	25.91
Primary Union	42.94
Foreign Missions	27.47
Home Missions	32.11
Chapel Car Work	31.34
Cook County S. S. Ass'n.....	58.21
Baptist Orphanage	32.37
Home for Missionaries' Children.....	49.19
Baptist Hospital	13.43
City Missions	

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Chicago Baptist News

First.—Dr. Henson was the guest of the Men's League on Dec. 28, and was present at the watch-night service and gave a very tender address much to the delight of his friends.

Berwyn.—On Jan. 17, Rev. John D. Pope, who is 80 years old, celebrated his sixtieth anniversary of his entrance upon the ministry by preaching from the same text he used sixty years ago. Like the palm tree, he brings forth fruit in old age and is still fresh and green.

Hyde Park.—A new Harper Chapter of the Brotherhood has recently been organized with a flourishing Sunday morning Bible class, with Rev. H. T. Cope, of the Religious Education Association, as the leader.

Normal Park.—Pastor Anderson has been preaching a series of helpful Sunday evening sermons as follows:

January 17. The Christian Solution of the Amusement Question.

January 24. Hell and Heaven: The Light Psychology Gives.

January 31. Hell and Heaven: The Light Conscience Gives.

February 7. Hell and Heaven: The Light Literature Gives.

February 14. Abraham Lincoln.

On the evening of February 19, under the auspices of the Philathea Bible Class of over fifty women, Dr. A. R. E. Wyant, their teacher, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Passion Play," the last production of which he witnessed at Oberammergau. The voluntary offerings will be used by the class for altruistic purposes.

Wheaton.—At the watch night service a large chorus choir rendered effectively Dudley Buck's watch-night cantata, "The Song of the Night." Miss Helen Topping, of Japan, gave a talk, and Rev. D. B. Cheney preached a consecration sermon.

Maywood.—Rev. J. W. Harnly, formerly pastor here, has accepted a call to Alpha, Ill. Deacon W. E. Read gives the following record-breaking report of Sunday-school attendance. With an enrollment of 170 pupils, 24 were present every Sunday during the past year. Fourteen were perfect in attendance for two years, thirty-six were perfect the previous year. One has been perfect in attendance for ten years

and two for nine years. One family record shows one perfect for ten years, two for nine years, one for five years, one for three years and one for two years. This is an ideal well worth holding up by superintendents to their schools.

Hyde Park Church.—January 11 was a notable date in the lives of the men of the church. Sixty-four of them met at dinner in Hutchinson Cafe at the University of Chicago. The occasion was the formal installation of a chapter of the National Baptist brotherhood. After the dinner had been served a statement was made by the secretary showing the steps that had been taken to transform the long established men's club of the church into a branch of the brotherhood, named for the late President Harper. Prof. Shailer Mathews, who presided, made a stirring address indicating the ideals of the chapter. The ceremony of formal admission was exemplified with Hon. Francis W. Parker, president of the National Baptist Brotherhood, as the candidate, after which he, in turn, gave the pledge to all of those present. The signing of the roll by all completed the formal initiation. On behalf of the national organization Mr. Parker then received the Harper Chapter as a recognized branch of the new brotherhood. Officers for the year include Shailer Mathews, president; Charles A. Marsh, vice-president; William Ayer McKinney, secretary and Judson Morris, treasurer. These four, with Allan Hoban, Albert G. Lester, Francis W. Parker, D. A. Pierce, and Francis W. Shepardson make the executive committee. Over twenty subordinate committees were appointed representing many phases of church and community work. Among the charter members are Pres. Harry Pratt Judson, who is president of the Northern Baptist Convention, Samuel N. Harper, eldest son of Dr. Harper, and a number of other professors in the university besides a splendid representation of the energetic and active men of the community who are associated with the church.

Washington Park.—Pastor Kelley baptized three on January 3. Fifteen new members have been received since September 1. The enrollment of the Sunday-school is 157.

Galilee.—Mr. J. Grafton Parker spent January 3 with us under the Brotherhood plan and a number in the Sunday-school decided for Christ.

North Shore.—Pastor Bill has been preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons on "Lessons Afield for City Folks," including the following

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topics: "A Sower, or the Investment of a Life;" "A Shepherd, or the Shadow of the Almighty;" "A Vineyard, or the Silent Faith of the Mystic;" "The Seasons, or the Gathering Harvest of Years."

Messiah.—Pastor Parsons has been conducting a series of meetings. Several have been baptized and others have confessed Christ. On January 10 thirty-four signed cards, indicating a desire for the Christian life.

Evanston.—The men's league, under the presidency of Mr. D. T. Layman, has been giving a series of interesting addresses on occasional Monday evenings. After a supper, Bishop Falgouts, Mr. A. B. Farwell, and others have spoken.

Chicago Heights.—A watch-night service was held at which four took their stand for Christ, one of them being the daughter of a saloon keeper. One new member has been received recently.

Humboldt Park.—Pastor Martin reports that forty-one members of the Sunday-school were present every Sunday last year; eighteen have not missed a Sunday for two years and one girl has the distinction of having attended nine years without missing a Sunday.

Roseland.—The Baraca Brotherhood gave its first annual banquet January 7. The class has been organized only a few months, and has a membership of forty odd. There were plates laid for fifty, and an elegant spread. An orchestra and an able program were enjoyed. Following President Frost's and the pastor's addresses. Editor Mansfield toasted the press, Alderman Ernest Bihl, of the thirty-third ward, spoke upon "Our District's Outlook," and the address of the evening was given by Dr. James P. Thoms with "The Kip-outs" as his subject. Pastor Vreeland and his wife were the recipients of a solid mahogany, leather-upholstered chair from the church as a Christmas present.

Austin.—Pastor Harnley writes: We have recently closed a four weeks' campaign under the leadership of Evangelists Davis and Mills. On the whole, the meetings have been a splendid success. There were a number of converts, some of whom have already united with the church, and others are coming. Quite a few will go into other churches. Mr. Davis' most telling work, however, is in developing the spiritual life of the church. Our church was neither dead

nor dormant before the evangelists came, but scores of new voices have been heard in prayer and testimony, and many have learned for the first time what a genuine burden for souls means. Our prayer-meeting, which was a live one to begin with, has doubled in attendance and in interest, and the whole church is in better condition for aggressive work than it has been in years.

Ogden Park.—Dr. Johnston Myers, Immanuel Baptist pastor, was with us four nights in strong and tender appeals for surrender to the authority of Christ. His amazing success at Immanuel was seen in his presentation of human needs met in Christ.

The spiritual mercury has been for long rising and the dominant note is evangelism. Important additions by letters and baptisms cheer us.

We have room for workers. There are a half-hundred members of other Baptist churches in walking distance of our church that pay car fare to their home church. That is loyalty to pastor and people. We shall win without them; could win sooner with them. Win we must and shall.

Covenant.—Three have recently been received by baptism. The week of prayer was observed as has been the custom of the church.

Bethany.—Pastor Blodgett was ill for a short time in January and Dr. Manning preached one Sunday and Dr. Lounsbury another.

Oak Park.—"What to do with the mid-week meeting of the church?" has been under consideration by a special committee whose report will offer suggestions of general interest. As stated by Mr. Burton, "the plan looks to the concentration upon the Wednesday evenings—the various meetings of boards and committees—the general convocation or 'open house' with a view to bringing together into a devotional meeting at some convenient hour during the evening, all those in attendance for the various purposes, as well as all those who might attend solely for such devotional meeting, and still others who might be gathered for social purposes. The plan contemplates making the evening an occasion of social gathering, both before and after the devotional hour, and during and after the meetings of boards and committees—the general convocation or 'open house' night of the church.

Pilgrim Temple.—On January 6, a reception was given to Dr. and Mrs. Thoms and on behalf of the church Deacon Meyer presented to them a silver loving cup. Two have been recently baptized. The pulpit committee consists of the deacons with Deacon White as chairman, and Deacon Meyer as secretary. They have a most responsible work before them in suggesting a pastor to take up the work here.

GERMAN BAPTISTS IN CHICAGO.

There are at present eight German Baptist churches in Chicago, having a total membership of 1,800. These churches with the exception of two are self sustaining. These two churches receive a total aid of \$750 from our societies at present. With the help of our German Baptist congregations in the western states they have also established and maintained an old people's home containing at present seventy-five inmates. These eight churches also sustain a deaconesses' and girls' home. The value of the property these churches own with their institutions is about \$165,000.

As there is in Chicago a German population of 570,000 we have a mission field and a work which should not be discouraged. The German churches in Chicago are connected with the general missionary society of the German Baptist churches of North America which is co-operating with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Missionary Union. It is these mission societies to which the German churches give their contributions for missions.

At present I am serving the old people's home and our deaconesses' and girls' home; also the Third German Church. The latter doubled its membership the last two years. It has a mission among the Hungarian people with twenty-five members, which we hope will grow into a Hungarian Baptist Church. J. Meier.

CHICAGO BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

The meeting of the hospital society at the hospital on January 12 was the most largely attended in years. Sixty-two delegates, representing twenty-four churches were present as compared with twenty delegates from ten churches the previous year.

The superintendent of nurses reported thirty-eight nurses of high character in training for their life work.

Superintendent Purvis' annual financial report shows the receipts for the past year to have been \$41,035.16; the expenses were \$43,

\$75.43; showing a loss for the year of \$2,840.27. The deficits for previous years total \$15,774.74. It is amazing that these deficits have been accumulating year after year until they total \$18,615. It is surely time for us as a denomination to do something about them or we shall soon have no hospital.

The earnings from patients for this year were for rooms, \$33,408; for fees, \$2,995; for prescriptions, \$1,042. Donations, \$2,740; from Ministers' Conference, \$75; forward movement, \$160; matriculation fees, \$85; interest on Endowment fund, \$487; and other small items making a total aggregate of \$41,035.

The expenditures were: Salaries, \$10,430; gas, \$1,840; coal, \$1,436; repairs, \$1,402; furnishings, \$2,609; groceries and provisions, \$10,145; fresh meats, \$3,924; milk and cream, \$2,421; ice, \$837; general expense, \$691; drugs and surgical supplies, \$4,095; improvements, \$525; taxes, \$198; etc., making a total of \$43,875.

Attendance was as follows: Patients on January 1, 1908, 45; admitted during 1908, males, 384; females, 621; births, 124; total, 1,175. Dismissed during 1908: Died, 70; discharged, 1,071; remaining on January 1, 1909, 33. Highest attendance, 68; number of days attendance, 17,272; daily average, 48; number of operations, 525; number of days of free work, 1,053. Free work accounts for the year, \$2,368. Increase in free work over previous year, \$662. Inventory of stock on hand, \$1,404.

Every report recognized the necessity of disposing of the debt, and under the head of new business the following motion was passed unanimously by the society: "In view of the work done by the Chicago Baptist Hospital, and the need of larger funds to cancel its present debt of about \$20,000, and to erect a new building, the hospital society recommends that the board of directors undertake during the present year to raise funds for these purposes." The churches gave and pledged \$2,600 for the work of the hospital during the past year, as against \$738 in 1907, and \$215 in 1906, but under the direction of the Chicago Baptist Executive Council, a much greater effort must be made to put the work of our hospital on a firm financial basis. We should have a hospital that would compare favorably with those of the other great denominations.

WEST SIDE DISTRICT B. Y. P. U.

On Saturday, February 20, the District will hold a conference at the Austin First Church. There will be a meeting in the afternoon commencing at 3:30, and in the evening at 8:30.

Shailer Mathews will speak. The ladies of the church will serve a supper for which a nominal charge will be made. For further information see the notices in your church.

During February and March the Work Committee will hold services at the following churches:

February 7—Wheaton.

February 21—Messiah.

February 28—Oak Park.

March 7—Berwyn.

March 21—Garfield Park.

March 28—Tabernacle.

The Board meeting this month will be held at the Second Church on the 23rd.

At a meeting of the Ministers' Conference last month, Prof. Gerold B. Smith discussed "The Theology of Christian Science," reviewing the grounds for this belief and pointing out its inconsistencies and fallacies. The foregoing task is an easy one and has been done again and again, yet Christian Science keeps on increasing the number of its followers. It is an evidence that men are willing even to crucify their intellects for the healing of their bodies. But as we read some of the old-time theology we see that men must have put their minds to an open shame for the salvation of their souls. As we in our day have come to see the "sweet reasonableness" of the way of our soul's salvation, may we not hope that the modern healing movement will be rationalized and be made available for those who are not willing to insult their intelligence even for bodily benefit.

Dr. R. S. MacArthur who will soon complete thirty-nine years of a continuous pastorate of the Calvary Church, New York City, with his people, recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the completion of the present church edifice, one of the finest in New York. From a membership of 238 in 1870 when Dr. MacArthur became pastor, the church has grown to a present membership of 2,300 and has become one of the strongest churches, in every way, in the city.

The financial condition of the American Baptist Home Mission Society on January 1 was as follows: Indebtedness \$289,087.86; which includes \$95,893.58 deficit from previous years. Amount needed to meet all obligations by March 31, \$464,087.86. Total receipts for general purposes for nine months are almost identical with

those for the same period last year. In order to close the year without debt, about \$140,000 more than was received in the last three months a year ago will be required in the closing quarter of this year.

YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSION UNION OF CHICAGO ASSOCIATION.

The Young Woman's Mission Union held its second annual meeting in the Ravenswood Baptist Church, Tuesday, January 19th.

Fifteen churches were represented and three new societies were voted into the membership of the union, making the total number eleven, which have come into the union during the year.

The receipts from the collections at four meetings were \$42.84 and the expenditures \$29.33, leaving a balance of \$13.51 in the treasury.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

President—Miss Clara E. de Clercq.

First Vice President—Miss Alice Brimson.

Second Vice President—Miss Hazel Kelley.

Third Vice President—Miss Lillie Ingram.

Corresponding Sec.—Miss Josephine Brabrook.

Rec. Sec. and Treas.—Miss Carrie Stronach.

Mrs. John Chapman and Mrs. E. S. Osgood were the speakers for the evening.

Mrs. Chapman chose for her subject, "Instead of the Fathers Shall be the Children." She said that we were apt to think and speak too lightly of our privileges, but the only Begotten Son chose this work of redeeming the world and we are workers together with Him. She spoke of our magnificent inheritance through the Missionary Societies and if we did not use our opportunities, the time would soon pass and the work would fall to our children. She spoke of preparation and this theme led up to the Training School. After an interesting sketch of the school she made a plea for the \$3,500 still lacking in the Training School fund and asked the young women to become responsible for it. Pledge blanks were distributed to be taken to the circles with the hope that the Chicago young women would raise a large part of this amount.

Mrs. Osgood, in a most delightful manner, told of her trip to China. She pictured both the bright and dark sides, but she said that whenever they seemed to become discouraged and crushed by the deplorable conditions that the angel of hope would appear in the form of the missionary and brought joy and encouragement to them again.

The next meeting of the union will be held

March 16th, the place of meeting to be announced later.

If any church wishes to entertain the union will you please notify Miss Rose L. Boynton, 2969 Vernon Ave., Chicago.

Signed by,

Recording Secretary.



JESSE A. BALDWIN.

Hon Jesse A. Baldwin, one of the foremost Baptists in Chicago, and an able lawyer, in response to the urgent request of many members of the Chicago bar and prominent men in the county with the leading citizens of Oak Park, his home town, has permitted his name to be announced as a candidate upon the Republican ticket for judge of the Circuit Court, of Cook County. There are fourteen circuit court judges to be elected and the people of the entire county will vote at the primaries to be held in April and at the election which occurs in June.

Mr. Baldwin is a native of McHenry County, Ill., and is in the prime of life. He was assistant United States district attorney for Chicago from 1877 to 1884. He has been attorney, president of the board of education, and trustee

of the library association of Oak Park, and for many years an active trustee of the University of Chicago and of Rush Medical College. He is identified with five of the leading clubs of Chicago, and a member of the Chicago, Illinois and American bar associations.

Mr. Baldwin, by ability and temperament, is especially qualified for the position of judge. He has force of character, good judgment, a sense of justice and is fearless in carrying out his convictions. He has been for many years actively identified with all leading moral, civic and educational, as well as religious movements, and a better qualified man could not be found. It is hoped the citizens of the county will see in Mr. Baldwin an opportunity of placing into this important office a man worthy in every way the high honor.

BY-LAWS OF THE BAPTIST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF CHICAGO.

Article I.—The name of this organization shall be, "Baptist Executive Council of Chicago," and its principal place of business shall be in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Article II.—The objects for which the council is formed are to organize, establish, maintain, promote and preserve, and to aid in organizing, establishing, maintaining, promoting and preserving Baptist churches and missions, and educational, benevolent and charitable institutions in the City of Chicago and vicinity; and to take, purchase, hold, and dispose of real and personal estate for religious, missionary, educational, benevolent and charitable purposes. Provided, that the council shall have no power to levy assessments upon the churches represented therein, and shall have no power to control or interfere with or have original or appellate jurisdiction of, the government, discipline or other spiritual or temporal affairs of any individual church represented in the council, without the consent of such church by a majority vote of the members present at a special business meeting of such church regularly called for that purpose.

Article III.—The members of this council shall consist of the pastor of each of the Baptist churches now forming the Chicago Baptist Association, and of such other churches from time to time as may be approved by the council, and in addition thereto one lay member where the membership does not exceed Two Hundred (200), two members where the membership is more than Two Hundred (200), and less than Five Hundred (500) and one additional member for each additional Five Hundred (500), or

membership or fraction thereof; and in addition thereto one representative from each of the recognized Baptist institutions and organizations in the city of Chicago and vicinity. There shall also be elected at each annual meeting of the council fifteen other persons, who shall constitute members at large of this council. The member or members from each church, except the members at large, shall be chosen by such church before the annual meeting of the council and the names of all such duly certified to the secretary of the council before such annual meeting, and in case of failure on the part of any such church either to choose such member or members, or to certify the name or names of the same to the secretary of the council before such annual meeting, the member or members from such church may be elected by a majority vote of the members of the council at such annual meeting. The members of the council shall serve one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, and all vacancies in the membership shall be filled by a majority vote of the board of directors.

Article IV.—The general management of all the affairs of the council shall be vested in the board of fifty (50) directors, all of whom shall be members of the council and elected for one year by ballot and a majority vote.

Article V.—The officers of this council shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected from the board of directors by ballot by a majority vote at the first meeting of the board of directors after the annual meeting of the council. They shall hold their office for the term of one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The board of directors may in its discretion elect from its own membership, or otherwise, a corresponding secretary, a general manager or superintendent and such other agents as it shall deem best. The board shall also appoint its own attorney to take charge of all legal matters pertaining to the council.

Article VI.—The regular meeting of the council shall be held on the last Friday in September in each year. Special meetings of the council may be held at any time upon the call of the president or three directors or upon written request of ten members of the council. Notice of the annual meeting of the council stating the date, place and hour of meeting, shall be duly mailed by the secretary to the address of each member of the council at least ten days before such annual meeting, and like notice of special meetings stating the business to be transacted shall be mailed at least three days

before such special meetings. Notice for the annual meetings of the council shall be accompanied by blank forms of proxy for the use of members not able to attend the meeting so called, and at any annual or special meeting of the council any member may take part and vote either in person or by proxy. Thirty members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting of the council. Regular meetings of the council shall be held each month at such time and place as the board of directors shall from time to time determine. At all meetings of the council, the council shall have all the powers and functions of the board.

Article VII.—The president shall preside at all meetings of the council and board of directors; supervise the affairs of said council and execute all deeds, contracts and other documents authorized by the board of directors; appoint all special committees, unless otherwise determined by the board of directors, and perform such other duties as the board of directors may from time to time direct. In the absence of the president, or in case of his inability to act, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president.

Article VIII.—The secretary shall keep in a book to be prepared for the purpose, a full and complete record of all meetings of the council and board of directors, and give notice of all meetings of the council and board; he shall have the custody of all the books, papers, documents and the seal of the council; when directed and empowered so to do by the board, he shall sign or attest all contracts, deeds and documents, and attach the seal of the council to such as may require it; he shall keep a book in which shall be put down the name and address of each member of the council and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the board of directors.

Article IX.—The treasurer shall receive all the moneys of the council and immediately deposit the same in such bank as the board of directors shall from time to time designate, to the credit of the council; he shall pay out moneys only upon vouchers signed by the president or vice president and not otherwise than by check upon the bank where such voucher is for Ten Dollars (\$10), or more; he shall keep a full and true account of all moneys of the council received and paid out, in a book belonging to said council; he shall make a written itemized report to the board of directors at each regular meeting of the board, and at its special meetings when requested so to do, of all moneys received and paid out and shall make out and submit to

the council at its annual meeting each year a report of all receipts and disbursements during the year, which report shall be first examined and audited by an auditor to be appointed from time to time by the board. The treasurer may in the discretion of the board, be required to give bonds.

Article X.—The board of directors shall hold its regular meetings upon the last Friday in each month, at such time and place as it may by resolution from time to time designate. Twenty members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the president or by three members of the board. Notice of all meetings of the board, stating date, place and hour of meeting, shall be given by duly mailing such notice to the address of each director, or delivering the same to him in person, at least two days before such meeting; provided, however, that when all the members of the board are present at any special meeting, however called or whenever held, the action taken at such meeting shall be valid and binding.

Article XI.—Whenever any church or other organization or corporation shall duly convey its property to this council in furtherance of the purposes for which the council is incorporated, such church or other organization or corporation shall thereupon and thereby be entitled to elect annually, so long as its property shall be under the control of the council, two representatives to meet with the board of directors in an advisory capacity and to take part in all deliberations of the board, but without power to vote.

Article XII.—The board of directors may appoint from its own members each year such standing committees, as it shall deem best.

Article XIII.—This council shall have and use a common seal containing in a circle the words "Baptist Executive Council of Chicago—1908—Seal," such seal is hereby adopted as its common seal, an impression of which is made in the margin hereof.

Article XIV.—The order of business at all regular meetings of the council shall be as follows:

1. Prayer.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Reports of officers.
5. Reports of committees.
6. New business.
7. Election of officers.
8. Adjournment.

Article XV.—These By-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of

the council by a majority vote of the members present. Provided at least three days prior, written notice, stating the date, place and hour of meeting and the proposed change or amendment shall be given by mailing such notice to each member of the council.

Adopted September 25, 1908.

PERSONALS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Dr. John A. Earl, the efficient pastor of the Beamen Avenue Church, Chicago, was born in Scotland. When a lad he came to the United States and moved to Boone, Iowa. Here, while working in a coal mine, he was converted. Subsequently he attended Des Moines College and Rochester Theological Seminary. His reputation as a preacher has extended across the ocean and he has been invited by the churches of his native town, Airdrie, Scotland, to hold a united mission, or as we would say a series of meetings, with them next September. Dr. Earl expects to sail for the other side next July. Airdrie is a town of 50,000 inhabitants. Dr. Earl will also have a part in the Boston

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simultaneous revival movement, with Dr. J. Winbur Chapman as leader, the meetings extending from January 26 to February 16. He will preach in Newton Center.

The Woman's Mission Union met on January 12, with the First Church, Austin. The program of the morning was given by members of other denominations as follows: "How we Raise Our Money," Mrs. S. J. Russell, Christian Church; "What Our Children Are Doing," Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Methodist Church; "What Our Young Women are Doing," Mrs. M. C. Tyler, Presbyterian Church; "What may Be Done with the Literature," Miss Alice A. Smith, Congregational Church. The address of the afternoon was given by Rev. D. D. MacLaurin, on the subject, "A Day in the Life of Our Lord." There were special musical numbers by Mrs. R. W. Writchard, of Austin, and several children of the Austin Church. More than 300 people were present.

ILLINOIS BAPTISTS.

The minutes of the sixty-fourth anniversary of the Illinois Baptist State Convention has just come to hand. It is a creditable report of 150 pages, carefully edited by Superintendent Brand, and contains many facts of interest to every intelligent Baptist.

The general summary shows that there are 46 associations, with 1,233 churches, reporting a membership of 145,827, having 9,833 baptisms last year. This shows a gain over the previous year of 13 churches, 4,613 members and 1,434 baptisms. The enrollment of the Sunday-school was 101,117 as against 96,659 the previous year. The foregoing statistics include the Negro, German and Scandinavian Associations of the state, as follows: German—22 churches, 2,965 members, 130 baptisms; Scandinavians—33 churches, 4,549 members, 227 baptisms, Sunday-school, 4,049.

The total benevolences reported are as follows: State missions, \$12,794; Home missions, \$12,638; Women's Home Missions, \$9,410; Foreign missions, \$18,988; Women's Foreign missions, \$8,933; Christian education, \$6,129; Pub-

lication society, \$3,522; local missions, \$11,700; miscellaneous benevolences, \$31,125. Total value of church property, \$6,465,605. The report shows an encouraging gain over the previous year in every item except home expenses, which are about \$15,000 below that of the former year. Baptists have reason to be glad that we have made progress all along the line even if we have not done as well as we should. Let each of us resolve now to see that we do our part to make a still better report for next year.

It is interesting to note the steady progress of Illinois Baptists during the past ten years as follows:

In 1899—baptisms, 4,969; members, 114,070.	In 1900—baptisms, 5,744; members, 117,041.
In 1901—baptisms, 5,743; members, 118,183.	In 1902—baptisms, 6,254; members, 121,526.
In 1903—baptisms, 6,172; members, 124,647.	In 1904—baptisms, 6,457; members, 125,752.
In 1905—baptisms, 7,989; members, 129,901.	In 1906—baptisms, 8,435; members, 135,860.
In 1907—baptisms, 8,399; members, 141,212.	In 1908—baptisms, 9,833; members, 145,855,

which shows a net gain of 31,785 in membership in ten years.

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The Regions Beyond	5.87
Thanksgiving Offering (Mrs. Wigney)	23.63
Sacrifice Fund	37.10
R. R. Kennan	25.00
Expense Account.	15.78
Pope Memo. Fund	41.00
Pienie	4.40
Easter	17.40
Children's Day	58.21
Christmas Entertainment	50.00
Library (Mrs. Branch Memorial)	167.94
Supplies	263.16
Sundries (\$50.00 for Miss Evans inc.)	
December 31, Cash on Hand.	\$43.64
General Fund	9.22
Pope Memo. Fund	13.00
Teachers' Training Class	65.86
	\$1338.03

Chas. H. Stone, Treas.

Chicago, Dec. 31, 1908.

THE JUDSON CLASS.

The Judson Class of the Sunday-school, during the year has been reorganized by combining Mrs. Lingle's and Mrs. Bennett's classes with what remained of the Judson Class, with Mrs. Bennett as teacher. It has now a membership of thirteen with an average attendance of eleven.

In connection with the class has been organized a Judson Club, to which only established members of the class are eligible. It is for the purpose of self-improvement and to create a closer social relation among the members.

A social held during the month of October was thoroughly enjoyed, twenty-one being present. It was held in the parlors of the church.

Several of the class this week offer themselves to the church for membership. Our meetings on Sunday as a class are full of interest and the future of the Judson class seems bright.

We received a few months ago from Rev. Edward Judson, D. D., pastor of the Memorial Church, New York City, a picture, which now hangs in our class-room, of his father, Adoniram Judson, for whom the class was named.

The officers of the Judson Club are: Arthur Vennell, president; William Hamman, vice-president; Eugene Schmitt, secretary and treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Schmitt, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

From Annual Dues	\$ 40.00
From contributions	10.97
From sale of tickets for annual banquet	246.00
Turned over by previous treasurer, Mr. A. C. Bass	3.19

\$300.16

Disbursements.

Stationery, printing and postage	\$ 32.00
Donation approved by League	1.00
Ladies Benevolent Society (Proceeds of Annual Banquet	246.00
Balance on hand	21.16

\$300.16

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Vallette, Treasurer.

THE YOUNG LADIES' GUILD.

The Amoret Henson Guild met eight times in 1908 with an average attendance of thirty-five. There were seven musical and literary programs rendered and one missionary program. On February 21, an entertainment was given, the program consisting of Colonial and Gibson pictures posed by Mrs. A. B. Philips. \$5.00 of the proceeds of this entertainment was given to the Women's Mission Circle, \$10.00 to Miss Rogers' school in Oklahoma, and \$50.00 to the piano fund.

There have been contribution envelopes distributed among the young ladies for the support of our missionaries, Miss Mercedes Grane in Manzanillo, Cuba, and Miss Helen Rawlings in Huchow, China. These envelopes are to be turned in March 1.

The officers for this new year elected at the annual business meeting in September are as follows:

President—Miss Leila Ahrens.

Vice President—Miss Medora Googins.

Treasurer—Miss Mary Williams.

Secretary—Miss Dorothy Eilenberger.

Entertainment Committee—Miss Marguerite Smith.

Visiting Committee—Miss Clara de Clercq.

Membership Committee—Miss Blanche Pickett.

Guild Bible Class—Miss Eloise Young.

Supper Committee—Miss Lillian Linihan.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Eilenberger, Sec'y.

THE "TRUE BLUE" SOCIETY.

The "True Blue" Society of Juniors submits the following report:

The society was organized the first Wednesday in October. During the past three months we have taken two courses of study—Bible Readers and Missionary. The last Sunday in the month is "Missionary Day." Missionary boxes have been given out to the members and we hope very soon to give an offering to missions. The Society has a membership of thirty.

The offerings during the three months amount to \$2.84. Disbursements as follows: for telephoning, \$.05; for ribbon, \$.30; for Christmas expenses, \$1.25. Total disbursements, \$1.60. Balance in treasury, \$1.24.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Pearson.

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THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
COMMITTEE.Report of the Treasurer.
Receipts.

From donations, etc.\$251.14

Disbursements.

"The Standard"\$ 50.00
 Dr. Everts, traveling expenses..... 50.00
 Dr. Crandall, traveling expenses..... 25.00
 W. E. Smith, stamps..... 25.00
 W. Tomlinson 35.29
 Maris and Maris..... 22.50
 Sundry small bills 39.73
 Balance on hand 3.62

\$251.14

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Spinny.THE TRAINING SCHOOL BUILDING FUND
COMMITTEE.Report of First Church Contributions to Train-
ing School Building Fund.

The first money for the new building, or rather for the enlargement of the old one as was first intended, was offered without solicitation by our dear Bro. Googins upon seeing for himself the great need. This need had been talked of for some time and I am sure this offer encouraged us to go forward in securing the required funds. The first money, \$100, was paid in by Miss Harvey, August 31, 1904. Thus it may be seen that with these beginnings a wonderful and beautiful work has been accomplished. It would be a great task to report the receipts of each year separately as some money has been sent direct to the treasurer and I have never kept dates or money, always paying it at once to the treasurer, whose books show all dates of payments, of course. It should however, be enough for us to know what this church has given to this object and it is a very creditable showing. In order that you may know about how the giving has been distributed through the church I will, without mentioning names, give a list of subscriptions.

1—\$1000	.....\$1000
1— 600	..... 600
1— 300	..... 300
4— 100	..... 400
1— 75	..... 75
4— 50	..... 200
9— 25	..... 225
5— 10	..... 50
4— 2	..... 8
22— 1	..... 22
C. E.'s—5	..... 5
Unclassified	..... 869.13
Total	.....\$3744.13

The lot and building have cost \$169,000, and a balance of about \$3,000 is still due. It is probably known to all that the last \$20,000 is being given by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Harris, formerly of this church.

Many other have been equally interested and would have given had it been possible.

There is likely to be something to add to this to make the grand total, as some have indicated their intention to give. This amount is nearly all paid in, a few late subscriptions not yet being due. This does not include the \$300 given by the Mission Circle.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Donnelley,
 Mrs. MacFadden,

Committee.

LETTER FROM ROME.

(The following letter, written by Miss Harriet Stone of our church to her Mother, will be read with deep interest.)

5 Via Toscana, Rome, January 9, 1909.

My dear Mamma: I am afraid it is over a week since my last letter was sent you. Time has been so filled with manifold duties. First of all, the crying need of hundreds of thousands of homeless, clothingless people in Sicily and Calabria has given people much to do. Mrs. Thaw, who has taken several homeless children into her home, came to us and asked if the girls would not help make some dresses for the children. She brought us five pretty red flannel dresses for girls from ten to fourteen years old, to be made. Then Mrs. Griscom, American Ambassador's wife, asked us if we would not come over there and help them. The result has been that we had a "sewing bee" on Tuesday p. m. Mrs. Ham and all the girls, Mrs. Harrison and her daughter, Mrs. Hinkley of Poughkeepsie and two of her daughters, and Isa and I sewed steadily all that afternoon.

Mrs. Hinkley took home with her a dress and a blouse to finish. We all sewed at odd times, the girls taking their sewing with them to class, and Friday we finished everything. We made seven blouses, two night-shirts, one under-waist, two pantaloons, nine dresses, one petticoat, three women's skirts, making twenty-five garments in all. Everyone took great interest, many of the girls giving money and clothing beside to worthy refugees who are now in Rome.

The most terrible, heart-rending part of it all is that thousands have been buried alive in the midst of the ruins of Messina, and everyday the cries become fewer. When all that can be done is finished the torpedo boats now stationed in the harbor are to bombard the town, as now the odors from the decomposing bodies are so terrible that it is difficult to do much.

We have, of course, given up the trip to Naples and Sicily for the present. We hope to go the last week of March and the first of April, to Naples anyway, and spend two weeks in that vicinity if it is not feasible to go to Sicily. The trains and steamboats are all in use for refugees and for trained nurses and officials who are on their way south, so that the old method of travel is again in use, that which was the only way up to 1871, when the railroads were first built to Rome. People who go to Naples or Tunis or Sardinia must go to Civita Vecchia, the ancient Centum Cellae founded by Trajan and there take boat. Professor D'Ooge, who has taken us to the old Forum and the Palatine, is

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to meet his wife and son who come from New York, at Tunis. As he cannot take the regular boats sailing from Naples for Tunis via Palermo, he has to sail from Civita Vecchia for Sardinia, take a train along the coast of Sardinia to a southern town, from which he sails for Tunis. So you can see that he goes by a round-about way.

We have never had more instructive trips than our visits with Professor D'Ooge to the old Forum, and to the Palatine. He gives a little survey of the history of a place before he shows anything. On the Palatine we saw the place where Romulus and Remus were suckled by the wolf. The first city was Roma Quadrata on the top of the Palatine Hill. Then in the day of the Republic it became the finest residence part of the city. Here stood the houses of Cicero, Catiline and of many prosperous Romans of that day. A little later Augustus, the greatest man in all Roman history, built his palace on the hill. Below in the Forum he built a wonderful temple and his library. After Augustus, Tiberius built his palaces on the Palatine, and later Caligula and Claudius, Caligula on the part of the Palatine nearest the Capitoline and he it was who built a bridge from his palace to the Capitol that he might talk with Zeus himself in his temple. The palace of Augustus was burned in Nero's time and was not rebuilt until in the time of the Flavian Emperors. These Flavian Emperors, Vespasian, Titus, Domitian, Nirva, Trajan and Hadrian have left many remarkable monuments; the Colosseum, Arch of Titus, forum of Trajan, and the dome of the Pantheon, as well as the Temple of Venus and Roma and the Castle St. Angelo being their work. These Flavian emperors rebuilt and enlarged the Palace of Augustus. Later, Septimus Severus built his magnificent palace on the corner of the Palatine which looks out over the old Appian Way and the Colosseum. He built the magnificent system of fountains known as the "Septizonium," so that all who came from the south to the "Eternal City" might see this fountain and the palace of Severus from a long distance off. The Roman emperors were great people for wanting to impress their greatness upon the world. That is one reason for the long line of magnificent tombs stretching along the Appian Way from that of Caecilia Metella to the Casale Rotondo which was such an enormous tomb that a farm house and olive grove have been built on its foundations.

Well, I must close for this time.

Harriet Stone.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The Christian Endeavor Society held its annual election on Sunday evening, December 27, resulting as follows:

President—Miss Sylvia Bucklin.
Vice President—Mr. Fred Wolters.
Secretary—Miss Medora Googins.
Treasurer—Miss Hattie Todd.

Chairmen.

Lookout Committee—Mr. Ernest Hartung.
Social Committee—Miss Christine McFadden.
Music Committee—Mrs. S. T. Foster.

Missionary Committee—Mr. S. T. Foster.
Prayer Meeting Committee—Miss Gertrude de Clercq.

Junior Committee—Miss Clara de Clercq.
Visiting Committee—Miss Clara Stowell.

Owing to the faithful efforts of the retiring president and her helpers, the society is in a every promising condition, and "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," we hope to go forward with even more consecration and zeal to do efficient work for the Master.

Sylvia Bucklin.

AMORET HENSON GUILD.

The regular meeting of the Amoret Henson Guild was held Monday evening, January 25. About forty young ladies sat down to a chafing dish supper at 6:30. After supper we had our business meeting and then the program.

The Guild having been asked to help in raising the money needed for the Training School building fund, contributed as a society \$5 and individual pledges amounting to about \$20 were made.

Our program for the evening was furnished by two of our own members, Miss Ahrens, our president, rendering four very pretty vocal selections, and Miss Soltow two instrumental solos. Our home talent was enthusiastically received by all present.

The next meeting of the Guild will occur Monday evening, February 22. The program committee is planning to make this an unusually pleasant occasion with something appropriate to the day. All young ladies of the church and congregation are cordially invited to attend.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY FOR JANUARY.

There have been three meetings this month of the Benevolent Society, the last an extra one on account of there being five Fridays in the month. All were well attended. The last one was an unpleasant day, but the faithful ones were on hand for duty. It was not a business meeting. Our president, always full of life and ambition, urged the ladies to work for the \$100 prize for March the the Good Housekeeping Magazine, and if all will interest themselves it can easily be accomplished. The proceeds from the bazaar and the profits on magazine subscriptions will more than cover the amount pledged, \$1,000, for the mortgage fund on the church. At the first meeting of the society Mrs. Mrs. Harvey representing, with her mother, Mrs. Spry, the First Church on the Y. W. C. A. board, gave an interesting account of the depot work and its great benefit to young women who come as strangers to our city. Miss May Green was appointed a member of the board of the Baptist Old People's Home at Maywood.

The ladies were much pleased to greet Mrs. Haskins and her daughter at the last meeting. They are in the city for the winter and will be often with us during their stay. Mrs. Pickett also attended one of this month's meetings and it is always a delight to see her pleasant face and hear her voice. It seems too bad so many

are out of the city, among our most faithful and loyal workers: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Stouffer in California, Mrs. Hoops in the east, Mrs. Jackman and Mrs. McLaury in the Bermudas. Mrs. Wilkins starts for California tomorrow to be gone two months, and Mrs. Risser has just returned from Colorado, where she has spent the last four months. The winter is passing rapidly and we shall look forward to the homecoming of those who are away, full of renewed life and vigor. The society in the last month has lost one of its old and efficient workers, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Piercey's mother after a long illness. It was with sorrow we learned of the death of the devoted husband of our former president, Mrs. Wilbur F. Behel, after an illness covering many years. She has watched over and cared for him so tenderly all this time. A note of love and sympathy was sent her by the society. A week ago Saturday Mrs. Down kindly invited the ladies to her home to an embroidery tea which was an afternoon of pleasure for all who attended. We had some fine vocal and instrumental music and many quarters were poured into the society's treasury. Mrs. J. P. A.

RAYMOND LADIES' AID.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Raymond Chapel had election of officers at their meeting of December 5. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Wm. Wadie.

Vice President—Mrs. George Grant.

Treasurer—Mrs. Oleson.

Secretary—Mrs. Emmet Wierman.

Flower Committee—Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Gilmore.

Buying Committee—Mrs. Wierman.

Our society has done good work during the past year for a small band of workers.

There has been \$19.40 made on socials. Seven quilts have been made and sold, and numerous other articles, such as aprons, skirts, undergarments, etc.

We have paid \$80.00 on our pledge of \$100 for the current expenses of the church.

With the addition of several new members from the home church that have promised to join us we hope to go forward this coming year with renewed energy and zeal, and to be able to accomplish much more for the Master than has been done before. His hand has guided us and we know that He will continue to do so if we only ask Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan. 23, 1909. Mrs. Emmet Wierman.

HAARD LUCK.

When you see how Fortune smiles on

Some, while others suffer want,

How good things she fairly piles on

Those, while these are lean and gaunt,

When you'd like to make division,

Since for all there is enough,

And are answered with derision.

It is tough!

When the friends who fawned upon you
When conditions were reversed—
Ere hard times had dawned upon you,

When they with ill luck were curs'd—
Fail to know you when they meet you—

On life's roadway—now so rough—
And resent it, when you greet them,

It is tough!

When you see your friend and neighbor
Having plenty and to spare,

And you plan and save and labor,

Hoping thus to get your share,

When you put your strength to trial

And then fail to get enough,

Even with much self-denial,

It is tough!

In the glad month of December

When the Yule-tide days are near,

And with gifts you'd fain remember

Those whose lives you'd like to cheer,—

But you know you cannot do it

Just because you lack the "stuff,"

Matters not, though you may rue it,—

It is tough!

When you sing and whistle vainly,

Trying hard the way to cheer,—

While your looks and acts show plainly

That your soul is filled with fear—

Then you almost feel like quitting

Your dissembling and your "bluff,"

And your cry is most befitting,—

It is tough!

When you reach down in your pocket

For that nickel bare and lone

That reposed down in that socket.

And discover it has flown,

It will be most apt and clever—

If the walking home be rough—

To declare just then, if ever,

It is tough!

When you've spent your hard-earned savings

With the hope that some glad day,

All love's yearnings and love's cravings

Will be satisfied—well, say!

If she takes the other fellow

And holds on to all your stuff,

You may speak soft words and mellow,

But it's tough!

Richard Bentley Twiss.

Chicago, December 18, 1908.

The Evangelistic Association of New England has just completed another year of service. The results from evangelistic efforts in the smaller towns have been gratifying, and the work has been pushed as far as funds would permit. The ministerial department has supplied over a hundred pulpits, representing seven denominations. Dr. James B. Bell was elected president at the annual meeting in Tremont Temple.



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A TRUE WORKMAN.

A booklet has come to our desk bearing the title "The Bible and Labor," evidently sent by its author, Edwin L. Hitchens, of Cincinnati, O. This is a frank and enlightening discussion of the problems of labor, dealing especially with their origin and development in Christian history. Under the three headings of Aristocracy, Democracy and Humanity, our author brings an arraignment against human society, which is as forceful as it is conclusive. He, however, makes it plain that "There is no hope in armed resistance. That constitutes a state of war within a state," and he demonstrates, from a careful study, that "The one thing that makes the Bible distinctive, the Jewish commonwealth distinguished, and the Jewish god a different god from other gods, was the attitude of the nation and its god toward labor. He finds the solution of the whole problem in the real humanity of Jesus. He quotes with approval the reply of the Australian labor leader: "Our platform? Well, sir, it is the sermon on the mount." Says Mr. Hitchens, "The labor question is not a question of wages or hours, which are mere details. . . . It is a great question, going down to the fundamentals of civilization and morality. It is a question of right." The whole discussion is an interesting and suggestive one, worthy of wide reading. Not the least important part of the book is the preface—a brief story of one "true workman who needeth not to be ashamed" of his life ministry, a memorial to Joseph Heberle, which we quote in full elsewhere.

WHAT THE SECRETARY LIKED.

A well known Washington editor was walking in front of a leading hotel recently when Secretary Luke Wright hailed him for a chat.

"By the way, Blank," said the Secretary, "I saw several mighty good things in your paper yesterday."

"I'm glad you liked them," said the editor, beaming with satisfaction. "It always helps an editor to find out what his readers like. What were the articles you liked?"

"The articles said the Secretary, earnestly, "were three fat mince pies wrapped up in your yesterday's issue."—January Lippincott's.

O deem not that earth's crowning bliss
 Is found in joy alone;
 For sorrow, bitter though it be,
 Hath triumphs all its own.

DR. GORDON'S ESTIMATE OF MILTON.

In his article on Milton in the January Atlantic, Dr. George A. Gordon has displayed his ability to take the measure of a great figure in literature with both sympathy and discrimination. Dr. E. P. Parker of Hartford says that he has never read a more instructive, illuminating and inspiring article on the great poet and the great apostle of human liberty. Dr. Gordon says that Milton wrote more lines worthy to be placed beside the best in the Hebrew Scriptures than any other poet in the English tongue. Here is Dr. Gordon's own sonnet to Milton:

Milton! on thy strong Saxon shoulders wide,
The mighty burden of the coming time
Thou bear'st, Prophet of liberty sublime.
The abject world is borne on God's deep tide
To freedom's flood. Thy cause must ever ride
Triumphant. Thy high fame is in thy rhyme
And in thy lofty manhood's endless prime.
Thy work and worth shall evermore abide.
The conscience of our race forever pleads
In thy majestic tongue, the nobler law:
The fear of king, priest, mob, all broken reeds,
Dies in the presence of that vaster awe
Which God inspires; thro' flaming gift and word
As thro' the stars, looks thy Eternall Lord.

We do not pray in the name of Christ until we pray in his passion for the souls of men and embrace the ends of the earth. We must not end our prayers with personal concerns. What are we the better for the language of Christ? What are we the better for the world-wide passion of Jesus Christ, if we stop there? Our prayers must be as spacious as the compassions of our Master, as far-reaching as the propitiation of Jesus Christ. You believe He died for all men; you must pray for all men.

A man who died in Rockaway, N. Y., left in trust to a church the sum of \$10,000, the income to be perpetually used to care for his grave. The court has decided that this bequest violated the law because it was not made for charitable or religious, but for wholly selfish purposes. There is good sense in that judgment; but if it is god law, then many monuments which cost much larger sums, over graves of men and women, and even over dead dogs and other animals ought to be demolished or turned over to lawful heirs.

THE RELATIVES OF PROFANITY.

Probably not one of the readers of this sermon ever uses profanity, that is, takes God's name in vain. Did you know, however, that profanity has lots of relatives, not actual swearing, but kin to it? There are its nephews, "damn it," "darn it," "the devil" and "hell." Then it has many first cousins, such as "gosh," "gee"; and there are its second cousins, such as "Oh, heavens," Its grandchildren are "golly," "by George," "by jimminy," and many others. Among its great grandchildren are "whew" and "ouch," and then there are such distant relatives as "goodness me."

Each year new relatives are born into the family, in the form of the latest slang; some are very distant relatives and others are double cousins. Like ordinary profanity, these are used as exclamations, with little or no appropriateness or meaning. Bringing them into the conversation has become a habit, and we do not realize how often they fall from our lips. They really weaken our speech, lose for us the respect of others, and are silly.

Look out for the relatives of profanity. They may not be very bad, nor do much harm, but they are of no value whatsoever, and really injure. Almost all boys and girls have adopted some of these expressions, which they say is, "nothing but slang." They come from your lips far more than you realize. Ask your friends to tell you what relatives of profanity are your favorites, and how many times in a day you use them.—Congregationalist.

The two latest additions to the list of nineteenth Century Poets, which Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co. are bringing out in quaint little brown and gold volumes, are select poems of Shelley and of Matthew Arnold. George E. Woodberry has furnished the introduction and notes for the Shelley and Edward Everett Hale, Jr., for the Arnold. The fact that Richard Burton is editing the series is sufficient assurance that the selections are made with taste and discrimination.

Love is a guardianship, no less than a passion. There is nothing in the world like love for breaking barriers. There is nothing in the world like love for building them. I think, then, that it is just because God loves me that He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out.—G. H. Morrison.

God will fairly flood your life with all the power he can trust you to use wholly for him.
—S. D. Gordon.

JOSEPH HEBERLE.

By Edwin L. Hitchens.

This man came to America a friendless lad, and took up his abode in Cincinnati. He loved animals, so he became a teamster; a good one. He studied horses, their ways, and how to care for them humanely. He saw his fellow teamsters, that they were unorganized, and to get them their rights he organized them. He had little or no education, but he had seen glimpses of beautiful things in the world, and his soul loved justice. He saw the children, many of them like himself poor in knowledge; though education was free, poverty hindered many of them from getting the benefit of it. So he started a campaign for free textbooks in the public schools. He saw the little ones, clouds of them, pouring out of the factories at night-fall, and that they might have their rights he organized a crusade against child labor. It took years for all this. Public opinion had to be created. He created public opinion. He did it all by personal appeal to bodies of organized labor, to teachers, clergymen, philanthropists, physicians, everything and everybody that could help. He spoke English poorly; to understand him was sometimes a matter of time and patience; but no one misunderstood his persistent zeal and tireless energy.

He cared not for himself; food, raiment, shelter—these were trifling things. At an age when men should be in the prime of life he died, literally of exhaustion. Friends and comrades buried him, for he had not even provided for himself in death. He lies in beautiful Spring Grove, in a spot that he would himself have chosen, close by the roadside, within easy sight of his "boys" who drive thereon.

The children of the schools have now free textbooks. The babes of the factories toil there no more. And many there are who labor for decent pay and under fair conditions who would not be doing so but for him. He did more with what was given him than perhaps any other man of his time. May his name endure with his works.

HAVING POWER WITH GOD.

No man ever need to wrest anything from God, but many a man makes it necessary for God to struggle with him in order to gain recognition from that man. How often we hear talk which just reverses the facts as they are! Even Christian people talk as though God needed to be persuaded, and as though some souls had more

"power with God" than others when it comes to offering a petition which needs answering. The only difference between men is, not in the power they have with God, but in the power they have from God. Of course, power from God enables a man to know God's will the better, and thus enable him to pray for that which God is the more likely to send. But God is hungering and longing to send this power into the life of every child of his. Some close their lives against him, and shut the power out; others open their lives to him, and receive the power more abundantly. One who is farthest away from God will receive all the power he can hold the instant he turns toward God in surrender and expressed need.—
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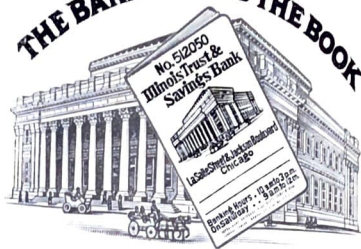
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